

OFFICIAL MINUTES

OF

The North Carolina Conference,

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church,

HELD IN

Lenoir, N. C., October 13-17th, 1898.

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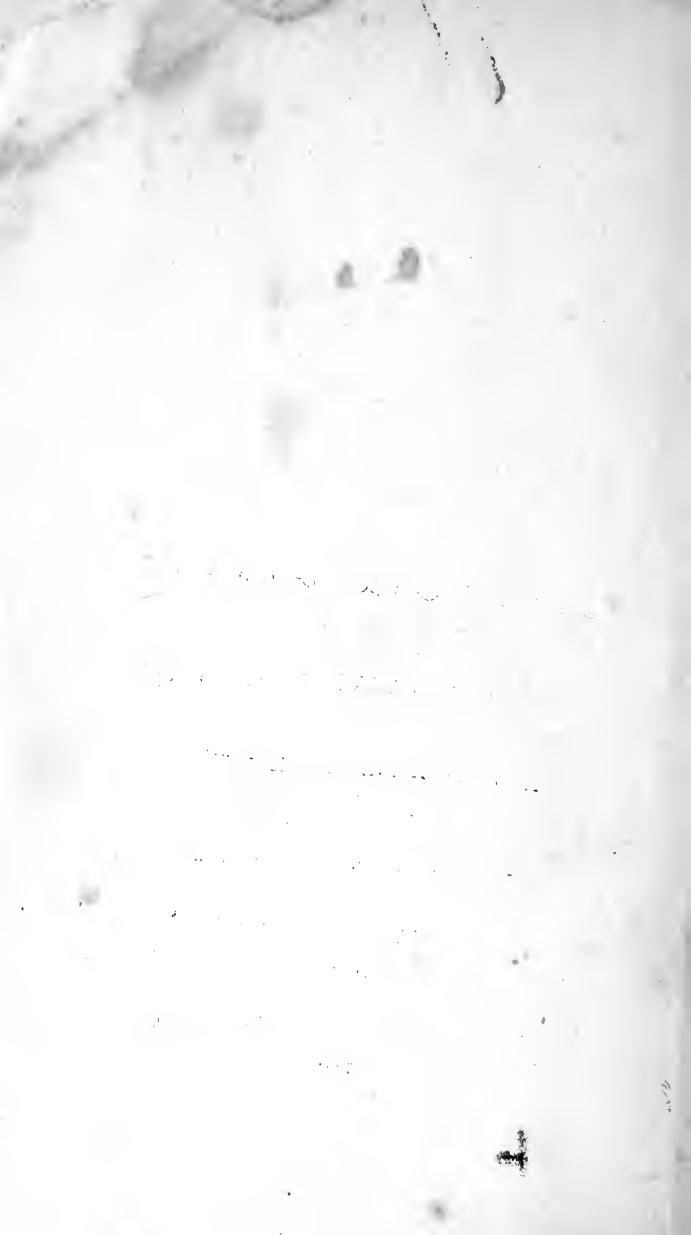
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# HISTORICAL VIEW SINCE ORGANIZATION IN 1836.

For the organization of Methodism in America, the work in North Carolina was contained in the Virginia, and afterwards in the Virginia and South Carolina Conferences. In the year 1836 the General Conference set up a North Carolina Conference. Its first session opened as a part of the Virginia Conference, but when it adjourned there were two Conferences.

## SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.	Preachers.	In Class.	Edifices
1	Feb. 8, 1837.	Petersburg, Va.					
2	Jan. 31, 1838.	Greensboro, N. C.	Morris	H. G. Leigh	16	2,208	
3	Jan. 26, 1839.	Louisburg	Andrew	H. G. Leigh	17	2,030	
4	Jan. 29, 1840.	New Berne	Morris	H. G. Leigh	20	2,225	
5	Dec. 20, 1840.	Mocksville	Morris	S. S. Bryant	20	2,579	
6	Oct. 27, 1841.	Raleigh		S. S. Bryant	21	1,147	
7	Oct. 26, 1842.	Louisburg	Wangh	S. S. Bryant	22	851	
8	Oct. 25, 1843.	Halifax	Morris	S. S. Bryant	28	413	
9	Dec. 4, 1844.	Pittsboro	Soule	S. S. Bryant	25	889	
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10	Jan. 14, 1860.	Union Chapel	Ames	Wm. G. Matton	16	3,229	14
11	Jan. 6, 1860.	High Point	James	Wm. G. Matton	17	4,106	28
12	Dec. 20, 1871	Lincolnton	Simpson	Wm. G. Matton	28	4,560	69
13	Dec. 23, 1872.	Greensboro	Simpson	Wm. G. Matton	36	8,411	52
14	Jan. 8, 1873.	Charlotte	Ames	Wm. G. Matton	37	8,268	70
15	Jan. 7, 1874.	Lexington	Haven	Wm. G. Matton	35	9,531	100
16	Jan. 6, 1875.	Greensboro	Wiley	Wm. G. Matton	41	8,582	97
17	Jan. 5, 1876.	Winston	Foster	Wm. G. Matton	41	9,717	104
18	Jan. 10, 1877.	Wilmington	Harris	Wm. G. Matton	47	10,174	106
19	Jan. 24, 1878.	Lumberton	Scott	E. O. Thayer	42	9,525	112
20	Jan. 30, 1879.	Greensboro	Peck	E. O. Thayer	46	8,525	127
21	Feb. 4, 1880.	High Point	Simpson	E. O. Thayer	39	9,854	97
22	Jan. 27, 1881.	Raleigh	Warren	E. O. Thayer	34	7,012	97
23	Jan. 25, 1882.	Laurinburg	Foster	W. F. Steele	30	7,338	93
24	Jan. 31, 1883.	Winston	Merrill	W. F. Steele	37	7,488	87
25	Feb. 6, 1884.	Greensboro	Bowman	W. F. Steele	37	7,761	94
26	Feb. 5, 1885.	Lumberton	Andrews	W. F. Steele	41	8,167	96
27	Feb. 11, 1886.	Charlotte	Ninde	W. F. Steele	43	8,371	95
28	Oct. 11, 1886.	Raleigh	Walden	W. F. Steele	44	8,424	94
29	Oct. 27, 1887.	High Point	Mallalieu	W. F. Steele	49	8,664	100
30	Oct. 25, 1888.	Lenoir	Fitzgerald	C. N. Grandison	52	8,948	115
31	Oct. 25, 1889.	Goldsboro	Joyce	C. N. Grandison	50	8,034	
32	Oct. 23, 1890.	Maxton	Joyce	C. N. Grandison	60		
33	Oct. 15, 1891.	Winston	Warren	C. N. Grandison			
34	Oct. 20, 1892.	Reidsville	Foss	J. P. Morris			
35	Oct. 19, 1893.	Lexington	Hurst	J. P. Morris	66		
36	Oct. 4, 1894	Oxford	Foster	J. P. Morris	70	9,612	
37	Oct. 16, 1895.	Greensboro	Mallalieu	J. P. Morris	73		
38	Sept. 17, 1896.	Charlotte	Mallalieu	R. W. S. Thomas	77		
39	Oct. 7, 1897.	Laurinburg	Andrew	R. W. S. Thomas	74		
40	Oct. 13, 1898	Lenoir	Mallalieu	R. W. S. Thomas	77		

† Facts for the first nine sessions are gleaned from the General Minutes and from the Conference Journal for those years, which is now in the custody of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South.

‡ At this date the Conference had 19,499 white members, and 3,390 colored. Without consulting the wisdom of the latter, nearly the whole membership became part of a new Church, organized in May, 1845, and called the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the close of the war in 1865 most of the colored members left the Church South. Some entered the A. M. E. Church; some the A. M. E. Z. Church; some the Colored M. E. Church of America. But thousands gladly returned to the bosom of the old Methodist Episcopal Church as it returned to the State.

\* At this session a new Conference—the Blue Ridge—was formed, with twelve preachers, 2,839 members and probationers, and 41 church edifices.

# CONFERENCE BIOGRAPHY.

NAMES.	Year Born.	Where Born.	Age converted.	Former Occupation.	Licensed.	Ent. Intin'y.		First Conference Joined.	Year entered conference.	When Ord.		Mode of Entering N. C. Conference.	No. Years.			Present Conf. Relation.
						On trial.	Full Con.			Deacon.	Elder.		Located.	Supert'y.	Supplied.	
Ash, Hugh I.										1886	1898					
Allen, Franklin																
Blaylock, C. W.	1847	N. C.	14	Farmer	5	1871	1869	A. M. E. Church, North Carolina	1871	1869	1875	On Trial.	2	23	Effective.	
Bost, Franklin																
Brooks, Dan I.	1837	N. C.	17	Blacksmith	9	1875	1873	"	1875	1873	1877	On Trial.	14	15	Effective.	
Bullock, M. J.	1845	"	31	Carpenter	9	1887	1885	"	1887	1885		"			"	
Byers, G. W.	1856	"	15	Farmer	6	1885	1884	"	1885	1884	1886	"			"	
Brower, G. W.																
Betha, R. D.																
Chaplain, J. E.	1841	N. C.	24	Farmer	1	1869	1871	A. M. E. Church, North Carolina	1871	1869	1874	"		8	Effective.	
Chavis, J. D.	1863	"	15	Farmer	4	1889	1891	"	1891	1889	1893	"		5	"	
Chavis, W. M.																
Clark, Alex.	1863	N. C.	15	Moulder	6	1886	1887	North Carolina	1887	1885	1882	On Trial.		4	Effective.	
Collett, E. M.	1852	"	14	Farmer	4	1880	1883	"	1883	1878	1885	"	4	7	Evangelist.	
Connell, D.	1861	"	15	Farmer	7	1869	1880	A. M. E. Church, North Carolina	1871	1869	1875	"		18	Effective.	
Conner, A.	1818	"	17	Farmer	7	1826	1871	"	1870	1876	1880	"	2		"	
Cornelius, S.																
Cook, Peter																
Davis, John W.	1869	N. C.		Mechanic	4	1893	1895	North Carolina	1893	1895	1897	On Trial.		1	"	
Diggs, J. D.	1865	"		Teacher		1890	1892	"	1892	1891	1894	"		8	Effective	
Evans, F. C.																
Franklin, J. P.																
Gibson, I. B.	1835	N. C.	17	Shoemaker		1870	1865	A. M. E. Church, North Carolina	1870	1874	1877	On Credentials.	1	18	Effective.	
Gibson, W. C.	1865	"	16	Farmer	6	1888	1890	"	1890	1890		"		2	Superannuated	
Gibson, S. A.	1858	N. C.	26	Farmer	4	1885		"	1887	1885		"		5	Effective.	
Hairston, J. D.	1852	"														
Hairston, R. P.																
Hanes, S. M.	1848	N. C.	19	Farmer	4	1873	1875	North Carolina	1875	1873	1879	On Trial.		15	Effective.	
Harshaw, C.	1840	"	25	Farmer	6	1882	1885	"	1886	1879	1888	"		8	"	
Hayes, Wm. P.	1844	"	30	Farmer	1	1888	1888	"	1886	1880		"		1	"	
Hill, G. F.	1864	"	18	Farmer	1	1888	1883	"	1880	1880		"		2	"	
Howard, E.	1838	"	24		6	1883	1885	"	1883	1883	1887	"	3	10	"	

Hunter, J. H.	1849	N. C.	20 Shoemaker	6	1885	1887	Christian Church	1885	1879	1883	On Trial	11 Effective
Jones, Jno W.	1838	N. C.	Carpenter	1	1883	1885	North Carolina	1885	1887	1887	On Trial	11 Effective
Jones, R. E.												2
Jones, M. M.												4
Johnson, S. L.	1846		19 Farmer	8	1890	1882	North Carolina	1882	1892	1883	On Trial	8
Lutterlough, O.			Farmer		1880		"		1878	1884	"	8
McMaster, A. W.			Farmer		1880		"		1885	1887	"	1
McLean, J. B.									1895	1897	"	1
McQueen, A. B.												
Morehead, G.	1852	N. C.	23 Carpenter	7	1885	1898	North Carolina	1886	1881	1885	On Trial	13 Effective
Morris, J. P.	1861	"	20 Farmer		1888	1890	"	1890	1890	1892	"	6
Mundy, M.	1852	"	28 Farmer		1888	1890	"	1890	1890	1893	"	5
Murphy, J. D.	1858	"	20 Farmer		1887	1890	"	1890	1890		"	3
McKorkle, S. R.												
McDaniel, E. V.	1846	S. C.	19 Farmer		1882	1890	North Carolina	1890	1890		By Transfer	8 Effective
McDonald, L. G.												
McDonald, S.	1858	N. C.	25 Farmer		1888	1890	North Carolina	1890	1890	1893	On Trial	5 Effective
McRae, D.	1856	"	20 Farmer		1888	1891	"	1890	1890	1893	"	5
McArthur, E. H.	1853	"	18 Farmer		1887		"	1891	1891		"	2
Newsome, A.	1854	"	18 Farmer	2	1883	1885	"	1885	1881	1886	"	12
Peace, S. F. B.	1860	"										
Pope, W. W.	1849	"	26 Farmer	2	1884	1886	North Carolina	1886	1884	1888	On Trial	7 Effective
Roan, J. M.	1863		17 Farmer									
Robbins, J. C.												
Rogers, M. C.	1854	N. C.	21 Teacher		1880	1888	Congregationalist	1896	1890	1892	On Trial	6
Rush, J. A.	1865	"	Farmer		1888	1892	North Carolina	1890	1893	1893	"	4 Effective
Smith, R.	1849	"	21 Farmer	9	1887	1881	A. M. E. Church	1888	1891	1888	"	4
Thomas, R. W. S.		B. W. I.	Pharmacist	4	1893	1895	North Carolina	1892	1897	1897	"	7
Thomas, B. F.	1866	N. C.	16 Painter	4	1893	1895	"	1892	1893	1897	On Trial	1
Walker, W.	1826	Va.	15 Carpenter	9	1886	1886	A. M. E. Z. Church	1871	1865	1886	On Credentials	23 Effective
Wells, I.	1837	N. C.	15 Blacksmith		1870	1873	North Carolina	1873	1871	1871	On Trial	8
Wells, Wm											"	17
West, S. P.	1852	S. C.	17 Mason	8	1884	1886		1886	1884	1888	"	16 Effective
Zeigler, W. R.								1889	1891	1893	"	5

## Conference Roll of 1898.

ELDERS	Admitted to Conf.		
		Samuel F. B. Peace,	1890
		J. P. Franklin,	"
		Jefferson D. Diggs,	1894
Lewis B. Gibson,	1870	John A. Rush,	"
Wyatt Walker,	"	Samuel L. Johnson,	"
John E. Champlin,	1871	G. W. Brower,	"
Charles W. Blaylock,	"	Henry Evans,	"
David Connell,	"	R. E. Jones,	1895
Isaac Wells,	1873	R. W. S. Thomas,	1896
Daniel Brooks,	1875	G. B. McLean,	"
Samuel M. Hanes,	"	B. F. Thomas	"
Wiley C. Gibson,	"	J. W. Davis,	"
Andrew Connor,	1879	A. W. McMaster,	"
Robert Smith,	1881	J. W. Jones,	"
Osborn Letterlough,	1882	L. G. McDonald,	"
Elias M. Collett,	1883	J. M. Roan,	1897
Alexander H. Newsome,	1885	Robt. P. Hairston,	1898
Elisha Howard,	"	Hugh L. Ashe,	"
George W. Byers,	"	Franklin L. Bost,	"
James P. Jones,	"		
William W. Pope,	1886		
Charles Harshaw,	"	DEACONS.	
Simon P. West,	"	W. M. Chavis,	1896
Geo. W. Morehead,	"	Franklin Allen,	1897
John D. Hairston,	1887	Samuel McCorkle,	
Joseph H. Hunter,	"	Albert B. McQueen,	
Moses J. Bullock,	"	Jno. C. Robbins,	
A. Clark,	"	S. A. G. Miller.	
William P. Hayes,	1888		
Evander V. McDaniel,	1890	PROBATIONERS.	
Samuel McDonald,	"		
J. P. Morris,	"	R. O. Bethea,	
Dorsey McRae,	1893	William Wells,	
Marcus Mundy,	"	Sandy B. Cornelius,	
Jordan D. Chavis,	"	J. C. Addie,	
Milton M. Jones,	"	Turner Mills,	
Walter R. Zeigler,	"	William Crawford,	
M. C. Rogers,	"	Samuel May,	
A. W. Pryor,	"	Jas. A. Laughlin,	
G. F. Hill,	1890	Peter J. Cook,	
Sandy A. Gibson,	"	Peter F. Johnson,	
Eli H. McArthur,	"	Robert J. Shipp,	
J. D. Murphy,	"	Chas. E. Ball.	

## Our Honored Dead.

*"Blessed are the Dead Which Die in the Lord."*—Rev. 14-13.

*"Thy Brother Shall Rise Again."*—Jno. 11-23.

Born.	NAME.	Admitted to Conf.	Effective.	Departed, Where and When.	
1816	Harry F. Pope.	1870	7	May 23, 1879;	Greensboro
1820	Mingo G. Croom.	1874	7	March 17, 1881;	Wilmington
	George W. Price.	1871	10	Sept. 12, 1881;	Charlotte
	Richard Waters.	1875	7	March 29, 1883;	Maxton
1821	Matthew Alston.	1870	14	April 1, 1884;	Greensboro
	Nelson Farror.	1871	4	January 9, 1887;	Raleigh
1816	James Payne.	1878	9	April 1, 1888;	Greensboro
1825	Alex. M. Turner.	1874	16	August, 1888;	Raleigh
	Josiah Caldicut.	1871	16	August 12, 1890;	Marion
	Geo. W. Ratcliff.	1891		1891;	Hickory
1830	Wilson W. Morgan.	1872	27	Sept. 16, 1892;	Kernersville
	Wilson Gray.	1877		November, 1892;	Dobson
	Thomas S. Stit.	1893		November, 1894;	Lexington
1839	W. H. Smith.	1888	19	May 20, 1896;	Lexington

## The Conference Claimants and Their Residences.

*"While Still Their Bodies Feel."*

Andrew Connor . . . . .	Jefferson.
Wiley C. Gibson . . . . .	Hamlet.
Chas. Harshaw . . . . .	Greensboro.
Lewis B. Gibson . . . . .	
Widow of James Payne . . . . .	Greensboro.
" Alex M. Turner . . . . .	Raleigh.
" Geo. W. Ratcliff . . . . .	Asheville.
" W. H. Smith . . . . .	Lexington.
Wyatt Walker . . . . .	Reidsville.
J. E. Champlain . . . . .	High Point.
W. Blaylock . . . . .	Greensboro.





## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Conference Relation*—M. Mundy, M. J. Bullock, J. W. Davis, Chas. Harshaw and J. A. Rush.

*Total Abstinence and Prohibition*—S. L. Johnson, A. W. McMaster and S. G. McDonald.

*Bible Cause*—G. W. Brower, B. F. Thomas and F. L. Bost.

*Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society*—J. D. Chavis, J. P. Morris and R. W. S. Thomas.

*Periodicals and Church Literature*—R. E. Jones, G. W. Byers and G. F. Hill.

*Education*—J. W. Davis, H. L. Ashe and J. P. Franklin.

*Sabbath Observance*—J. A. Rush, A. Clark and H. Evans.

*Sunday School Union and Tract Society*—J. M. Roan, J. C. Robbins and J. D. Murphy.

*State of the Church*—J. D. Diggs, S. A. Gibson, A. H. McArthur.

*Auditing Committee*—The Stewards.

*Postoffices*—The Presiding Elders.

*Church Extension*—G. B. McLean, J. D. Hairston, E. Howard.

*Epworth League*—R. P. Hairston, S. F. B. Peace, A. H. Newsome, J. W. Jones, F. Allen.

*Public Worship*—R. Smith, S. F. B. Peace.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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**Residences, Addresses, Etc.**


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 John M. Walden, 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
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 Daniel A. Goodsell, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Charles C. McCabe, Fort Worth, Texas.  
 Earl Cranston, Portland, Oregon.

MISSIONARY BISHOPS.

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 James M. Thoburn, Bombay, India.  
 Joseph C. Hartzell, Vivi, Congo Africa.

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**To Preach the Missionary Sermon.**

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R. E. Jones.                      Alternate S. L. Johnson.

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**Official Visitors.**

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TO GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

J. D. Chavis.                      W. W. Pope.

TO BENNETT COLLEGE.

The Presiding Elders.

EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

J. D. DIGGS:—English Branches. Leading Facts in American History.—*Montgomery*. Larger Catechism.—*Nast*.

J. A. RUSH:—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch and Isaiah.—*Warren*. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.—*Broadus*.

- J. E. CHAMPLIN :—The Discipline of the M. E. Church. Life of John Wesley.—*Telford*. Smaller Scripture History.—*Smith*.
- S. F. B. PEACE:—Elements of Psychology.—*Hill*. Manual of Christian Evidences.—*Row*.
- M. M. JONES:—Systematic Theology, Vol. 1.—*Miley*. History of the Christian Church, Vol. 1, 3—*Hurst*.
- J. P. FRANKLIN:—Lessons in Logic.—*Jevon*. Exegetical Studies in New Testament.—*Horswell*. Methodology, &c.—*Crook and Hurst*.
- A. H. NEWSOME:—Principles of Rhetoric.—*Hill*. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.—*Merrill*. Introduction to the Holy Scriptures. Old and New Testament.—*Harman*.
- G. W. MOREHEAD:—Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching.—*Buckley*. Plain Account of Christian Perfection.—*Wesley*.
- R. W. S. THOMAS:—History of American Methodism.—*Stevens*. The Supernatural Book.—*Foster*. Biblical Hermeneutics.—*Terry*.
- SAMUEL McDONALD:—Butler's Analogy. Outline Universal History, Modern.—*Fisher*.

## Disciplinary Questions.

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QUESTION 1. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? None.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of first year. James A. Laughlin, Peter J. Cook, Peter F. Johnson, Robert J. Shipp, Charles E. Ball. (b) In studies of third year. None.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of first year. Sandy B. Cornelius, John C. Addie, Turner Mills, William Crawford, Samuel L. May, Rudolphus D. Bethea. (b) In studies of second year. None. (c) In studies of third year. None. (d) In studies of fourth year. None.

6. Who have been discontinued? W. G. Alston, J. W. Murphy.

7. Who has been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year. None. (b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously. Albert B. McQueen, John C. Robbins, Samuel A. J. Miller.

8. What members are in studies third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year. Albert B. McQueen, John C. Robbins, Samuel A. J. Miller. (b) Admitted in full membership previously. William Allen.

9. What members are in studies fourth year? John M. Roan, Saml. R. McCorkle, William M. Chavis.

10. What members have completed the Conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year. Robert P. Hairston, Hugh L. Ashe, Franklin L. Bost. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously. None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? Peter J. Cook. (b) Under missionary rule. Samuel L. May.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? (a) As local deacons. None. (b) Under missionary rule.

13. Was the character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14. Who have been transferred and to what Conference? None.
15. Who have died? None.
16. Who have been located at their own request? None.
17. Who have been located? None.
18. Who have withdrawn? None.
19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.
20. Who have been expelled? None.
21. What other personal notation should be made? Frank J. Jones, as Deacon from the Baptist Church.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Osborn Letterlough, W. A. Pryor.
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? W. C. Gibson, Andrew Conner, Wyatt Walker, J. E. Champlin, C. W. Blaylock, L. B. Gibson, Chas. Harshaw.
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? J. D. Chavis, J. P. Morris, M. M. Jones, S. M. Hanes, G. W. Morehead, M. C. Rogers, E. M. Collett.
25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Reports.
26. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference treasurer? \$974 cash, \$756 voucher.
27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? \$450.
28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? \$450.
29. Where are the Preachers stationed? See Appointments.
30. Where shall the next Conference be held? St. Pauls, Winston, N. C.

## Conference Directory.

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Names.	Adresse
Ashe, Hugh L . . . . .	Asheville, N. C.
Allen, Franklin . . . . .	Stanley Creek, N. C.
Blaylock, Charles . . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.
Bost, Franklin. . . . .	Kernersville, N. C.
Brooks, Daniel . . . . .	High Point, N. C.
Brower, G. W. . . . .	Gastonia, N. C.
Bullock, Moses J . . . . .	Rowland, N. C.
Byers, George . . . . .	Hamlet, N. C.
Champlin, John . . . . .	High Point, N. C.
Chavis, J. D. . . . .	Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.
Chavis, W. M. . . . .	New Salem, N. C.
Clark, Alexander . . . . .	Madison, N. C.
Connell, David . . . . .	Ramseur, N. C.
Conner Andrew . . . . .	N. C.
Collett, Elias (Evangelist) . . . . .	Charlotte, N. C.
Davis, J. W., . . . .	Gammon Seminary, South, Atlanta, Ga.
Diggs, Jefferson . . . . .	Maxton, N. C.
Evans, Henry . . . . .	
Franklin, J. P. . . . .	Mt. Airy, N. C.
Gibson, Lewis . . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.
Gibson, Sandy A. . . . .	
Gibson, Wiley C. . . . .	
Hairston, J. D. . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.
Hairston, R. P. . . . .	Shelby, N. C.
Hanes, Samuel . . . . .	Asheboro, N. C.
Hayes, Wm. P. . . . .	Oxford, N. C.
Harshaw, Charles . . . . .	
Hill, G. F. . . . .	Raleigh, N. C.
Howard Elisha, . . . . .	Mitchell, N. C.
Hunter, Joseph, . . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.
Johnson, S. L., . . . . .	High Point, N. C.
Jones, James S. . . . .	New Berne, N. C.
Jones, J. W. . . . .	Jonesville, N. C.
Jones, R. E. . . . .	429 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, La.
Jones, Milton M . . . . .	Laurinburg, N. C.

Letterlough Osborne, . . . . .	
McArthur, Eli . . . . .	Rocky Mount, Va.
McCorkle, Samuel . . . . .	Trinity, N. C.
McDaniel, Evander . . . . .	Townsville, N. C.
McDonald, Samuel . . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.
McDonald, L. G., . . . . .	Goldsboro, N. C.
McLean, G. B., . . . . .	Norfolk, Va.
McQueen, A. B., . . . . .	Elkton, N. C.
McRae, Dorsey, . . . . .	Walnut Cove, N. C.
Morehead, G. W., . . . . .	Graham Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Morris, J. P., . . . . .	Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.
Mundy, Marcus, . . . . .	Leaksville, N. C.
Newsome, A. H., . . . . .	Lexington, N. C.
Peace, S. F. B., . . . . .	Lenoir, N. C.
Pope, W. W., . . . . .	Winston, N. C.
Roan, J. M., . . . . .	Hickory, N. C.
Robbins, J. C., . . . . .	Mackpolah, N. C.
Rush, J. A., . . . . .	Winston, N. C.
Smith, Robert . . . . .	Hickory, N. C.
Thomas, B. F., . . . . .	Summerfield, N. C.
Thomas, R. W. S., . . . . .	Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.
Walker, Wyatt, . . . . .	Reidsville, N. C.
Wells, I., . . . . .	High Street, Greensboro, N. C.
Wells, William . . . . .	High Street, Greensboro, N. C.
West, S. P., . . . . .	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Zeigler, W. R., . . . . .	Oxford, N. C.

PROBATIONERS.

Addie, J. C., . . . . .	Forest City, N. C.
Ball, Chas. E., . . . . .	Salisbury, N. C.
Bethea, R. D., . . . . .	Sherrill's Ford, N. C.
Cook, Peter J., . . . . .	Charlotte, N. C.
Cornelius, Sandy B., . . . . .	Boone, N. C.
Crawford, William . . . . .	West Asheville, N. C.
Johnson, Peter F., . . . . .	Marion, N. C.
Laughlin, Jas. A., . . . . .	Statesville, N. C.
May, Samuel, . . . . .	Yadkin, N. C.
Mills, Turner, . . . . .	Reidsville, N. C.
Shipp, Robt. J., . . . . .	W. Greensboro, N. C.
Wells, John E., . . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.

## JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

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FIRST SESSION.

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**FIRST DAY—Thursday, Oct. 13, 1898.**

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Opening.

The Fortieth Annual Session of the North Carolina Conference convened in the Smith Chapel M. E. Church, Lenoir, N. C., October 13th, 1898, at 9 o'clock, a. m. with Bishop W. F. Mallalieu presiding.

Devotions and  
Sacrament.

The opening divine services were conducted by the Bishop. The first hymn, No. 798, was read by Elder Collett. The Scripture lesson, Ephesians fourth chapter, was read by Elder Pope. Invocation by Elder Brooks. The Bishop then read hymn No. 234. After the singing of this hymn the sacrament service was read and a very earnest and vivid explanation given on the words, "If any man sin we have an advocate," by the Bishop. The Presiding Elders assisted in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Wells.

Bishop's  
Address.

A helpful address was delivered by the Bishop. He failed not to impress his delight to see the advancement of the Conference. He emphasized the importance of sobriety, industry, frugality and economy. In making his strong appeals he said that the only solid foundation for character is the "Sermon on the Mount," also "the Ten Commandments."

He complimented the brethren on their educational growth and gave expressions of joy to Bennett College for its noticeable work.



In concluding his remarks he urged the Conference to be truthful men, men with clean lives, and men who will walk in the right path.

The Secretary of the last conference, R. W. S. Thomas, Roll Call. called the roll and 64 members and probationers responded to their names. (49 members, 15 probationers.)

On motion of E. M. Collett, R. W. S. Thomas, the former Secretary was elected. Election of Secretary. The motion prevailed and he was permitted to nominate his own assistants.

J. D. Diggs and S. F. B. Peace were nominated and approved by the Conference. Assistant Secretaries.

On motion of S. F. B. Peace, J. P. Morris was elected Statistician. Statistical Secretary. He nominated the following Assistants, and they were approved: J. M. Roan, J. P. Franklin, A. W. McMaster, J. C. Robbins and W. R. Zeigler.

On motion of E. M. Collett, G. W. Morehead was elected Treasurer. Treasurer of the Conference and his Assistants were approved as follows: M. M. Jones, A. H. Newsome, R. P. Hairston, H. L. Ashe, S. A. Gibson.

Presiding Elder Collett read the nominations for Standing Committees "Standing Committees," and they were appointed. (See list of committees.)

The members of St. Paul's M. E. Church, of Winston, N. C., sent a handsome bouquet of flowers as a token of Presentation of a bouquet of flowers. respect for the Presiding Bishop. The presentation, in a graceful manner, was made by the pastor, J. A. Rush.

Letters from the Educational Society, Christian Temperance Alliance, Epworth League, American Anti-Saloon, Board of Church Extension, Gospel in all Lands, Freedmen's Aid Society, Sunday School Union and Tracts, and others, were handed to the appropriate Committees by the Bishop. Communications.

J. L. Cowen, the representative for the N. Y. and

Collector. Western Book Concerns was appointed collector for the "Gospel in all Lands," and "the Reviews," etc.

Circular. The Circular from Gammon Theological Seminary was read by the Secretary of the Conference.

Introduction. J. L. Cowen, the representative of the Book Concern and I. G. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Epworth League.

Announcement. Time was given R. E. Jones the Assistant Business Manager of the South-Western Christian Advocate to make an announcement for the paper.

Bar of Conference. On motion of Presiding Elder R. Smith, the Bar of the Conference was fixed on the line to the third window from the altar."

Time of Meeting and adjourning. On motion of Presiding Elder Smith, the hours for meeting was 8:30 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to religious services. Time for adjourning at 12 m.

Thirteenth question. The Greensboro District was called. The character of Isaac Wells, its Presiding Elder, was passed and he read the report of his District. (See Report.)

Raleigh District. *Raleigh District* was called. The character of E. M. Collett, its Presiding Elder, was passed and he read the report of his District. (See Report.)

Wilmington District. *Wilmington District* was called. The character of Daniel Brooks, its Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read his report of his District. (See Report.)

Winston District. *Winston District* was called. The character of W. W. Pope, its Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read the report of his District. (See Report.)

Drafts. Drafts were announced on the Book Concern for \$321 and on the chartered fund for \$22.00. These drafts were handed to the Secretary to be delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, J. D. Chavis, D. D.

Address by I. G. Penn. Rev. I. G. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Epworth League, delivered a short address. He spoke forcefully on the "Cultivation of the Spiritual Life of the Church

and the Young People," also on the "New Charter of the Epworth League."

Mr. Angus Hayes, of the 25th Regiment of the Regular Army of the United States. Introduction.

Announcements were made by the pastor, S. F. B. Peace. Announcements.

The Bishop appointed J. D. Chavis, D. D., to preside at the Statistical Session and conduct the devotions. To preside at Statistical Sessions and conduct devotions.

The Conference adjourned to meet at two o'clock for Statistical Session. Adjournment.

The doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop. Doxology  
Benediction.

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SECOND SESSION—STATISTICAL.

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**FIRST DAY—Thursday, October 13th, 1898.**

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The Conference was called to order at 2 o'clock, with Dr. J. D. Chavis, presiding. After the hymn "Blest be the tie that Binds," was sung, prayer was offered by S. P. West. Opening.

It was announced that the reports would be called for by Districts. Fifteen minutes were given to straighten the reports and the names of the pastors were called and they handed their reports to the persons designated to receive them. Report of Charges.

Mrs. R. C. Bearden, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. J. C. Lowery, A. M. of the S. C. Conference. Rev. Lowery spoke very complimentary of the N. C. Conference. Introductions.

There being no further business the president announced the Conference, Statistical Session, adjourned. Adjournment.

## THIRD SESSION.

## SECOND DAY—Friday, Oct. 14, 1898.

Devotional Services.

The devotional service was opened at 8 30 a. m., Bishop Mallalieu presiding. The service was a spiritual feast to all. The Bishop gave a very interesting exhortation. The subject was "Our Christian Experience."

Opening and reading of minutes.

At 9.20 a. m. the Bishop took the chair and called for the reading of the minutes of yesterday's sessions. The Secretary read the minutes and they were approved.

Reporter to the South-Western

On motion of Elder Brooks R. E. Jones was appointed reporter to the *South Western Christian Advocate*.

Apport'mts of the Episcopal fund and set.

Apportionments of the Episcopal Fund and General Conference Expenses were passed to the Secretary of the Board of Presiding Elders.

Minister's relief association.

The Minister's Relief Association was brought to the notice of the Conference by the Bishop.

Introductions.

Rev. T. A. Boon, of the M. E. Church, South, Lenoir, N. C.; G. W. Ivey, Lenoir, N. C.; S. L. Flagg, of the A. M. E. Church, Hickory, N. C.

Thirtieth question resumed.

The Western District was called. The character of Robt. Smith, its Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read the report of his District's work. (See report.)

Effective Elders.

The Effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported according to instruction.

The following are the names:

Greensboro District

For the Greensboro District: B. F. Thomas, M. M. Jones, Marcus Mundy, A. Clark, Elisha Howard, J. D. Hairston, A. H. Newsome, G. B. McLean, J. D. Chavis, J. P. Morris, R. W. S. Thomas, R. E. Jones.

Raleigh District.

L. G. McDonald, J. P. Jones, M. C. Rogers, W. R. Zeigler, G. F. Hill, E. V. McDaniel.

Western District.

G. W. Brower, S. F. B. Peace, G. W. Morehead, A. W. McMaster, E. H. McArthur, D. Connell.

J. W. Davis, G. W. Byers, W. P. Hayes, J. P. Franklin, J. D. Diggs, Henry Evans was absent but was reported, J. D. Murphy. Wilmington District.

S. P. West, S. McDonald, absent but reported, S. L. Johnson, J. W. Jones, S. M. Hayes, absent but reported, S. A. Gibson, J. H. Hunter, M. J. Bullock, Chas. Harshaw, W. A. Pryor, absent but reported, J. A. Rush. Winston District.

Short, inspiring addresses were given to the Conference by Revs. T. A. Boon and G. W. Ivey, of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. S. L. Flagg, of the A. M. E. Church. Addresses.

After the addresses the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung and prayers were offered by Rev. Ivey and Presiding Elder Wells. Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung and Presiding Elder Brooks made some encouraging remarks; also Rev. Boon. Then was sung the 759th hymn, Rev. Ivey.

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,  
On whom in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day and my song in the night,  
My hope, my salvation, my all.

The following places were named for the seat of the next Conference: Lumberton, Greensboro, and Winston. Lumberton was represented by J. P. Franklin, Greensboro by R. E. Jones, and Winston by J. A. Rush. Winston, having received the largest number of votes, was chosen as the seat of next Conference. Thirtieth question.

Twenty-second Question was taken up. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Osborne Letterlough's character was passed and he was continued in the Supernumerary Relation. Twenty-second question.

The Twenty-third Question was taken up: Who are the Superannuated preachers? The following were called, their characters passed and they were continued in the Superannuated Relation: Andrew Connor, W. C. Gibson, Wyatt Walker, C. W. Blaylock, J. E. Champlain. Twenty-third question.

Effective  
Elder.

On motion of Elder E. M. Collett, L. B. Gibson was made an Effective Elder.

Extension  
of time.

On motion of E. M. Collett the time was extended.

On motion of E. M. Collett the "Order of the Day" for tomorrow morning be the voting on the Constitutional Question.

Introduction.

Rev. C. W. Walden, pastor of the M. E. Zion Church, Franklin, N. C.

A committee  
on investiga-  
tion.

A committee of three, viz: J. A. Rush, G. W. Morehead and J. E. Champlain, was appointed by Bishop Mallileau to investigate the question of Church Extension at Stovall, Bullock's, and the Oxford School.

Resolution.

The following resolution was presented by C. W. Blaylock and adopted by the Conference:

Additional  
committee.

To give satisfaction to those concerned, we the members of the N. C. Conference in session, believe it to be the best that two brethren be added to the Committee on Distribution of Missionary Funds with the Presiding Elders, therefore recommend that Dr. J. D. Chavis and J. A. Rush be added.

Faithfully submitted,

C. W. BLAYLOCK.

Closing.

Announcements were made, doxology sung and the benediction pronounced by J. E. Champlain.

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#### FOURTH SESSION.

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#### THIRD DAY—Saturday, October 15th, 1898.

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Opening.

The session opened at 8:30 a. m. Bishop Mallalieu conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes.

At 9:10 o'clock the Bishop took the chair and called for the reading of the minutes of yesterday's sessions. The Secretary read the minutes and they were approved.

A present of a Methodist Hymnal and "Uncle Tom's

Cabin," was given by the North Carolina Conference to Mr. Angus Hayes, a regular of the 25th Regiment, U. S. Army. Presentation.

Mr. Hayes, amid cheers, in a dignified manner, tendered his thanks.

The Registrar was asked to report the grades of S. A. Cornelius, Turner Mills, J. C. Addie, William Crawford, R. D. Bethea and Samuel May. He reported them passed in some of the branches, and for grades see Conference Register of '98. Report of examination.

The Conference credited them with the studies passed, and continued them in the studies of the first year. Continued in first year.

Mr. J. H. Healan, a local preacher of the M. E. Church South. Introduction

The Registrar having read the grades of R. P. Hairston, H. L. Ashe, F. L. Bost, and their characters passed, they were elected to Elders Orders. F. L. Bost having passed previously in other branches except Rhetoric, passed his examination and was elected to Elders Orders. Passed from fourth year studies.

The Presiding Elders and Registrar having reported concerning the names of S. R. McCorkle, F. Allen, Jas. A. Foust, Wm. Chavis, J. M. Roan.

F. Allen was not before the committee and was continued in studies of third year. S. R. McCorkle, Wm. Chavis, J. M. Roan, passed from studies of third year. Passed from third year.

For Local Orders Deacons. Two, Peter J. Cook and Lewis Thomas. Peter J. Cook passed and L. W. Thomas dropped. Local orders.

Missionary money from Jefferson for last quarter was returned to the Bishop, \$3.75. also the missionary money from Salisbury by the Presiding Elders of the Districts. Returned missionary money

The Committee and Presiding Elders having reported concerning the following, J. W. Murphy, W. G. Alston, Wm. Wells, A. B. McQueen, and J. C. Robbins, the result was as follows:

On motion of Presiding Elders J. W. Murphy and W. G. Alston were discontinued. Wm. Wells was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

A. B. McQueen and J. C. Robbins passed and were admitted to full connection and 3rd year studies.

Then was sung the hymn, "A charge to Keep I Have."

Prayer was offered by Bro. W. P. Hayes.

Introduction.

Miss Alice Dole, Supt. of the Industrial School at Asheville, N. C. Miss Dole gave a very interesting address concerning her work.

Admitted into Conference.

A. B. McQueen and J. C. Robbins were admitted into full connection. The Bishop called on the Secretary to read the "Constitutional Proposition" of Equal Lay Representation.

After some discussion the votes were taken as follows: 47 yeas and 6 nays.

On motion of Elder Pope, Saml. L. May was elected to Deacons Orders under Missionary Rule.

Resolution.

A resolution was offered by J. D. Diggs and adopted by the Conference.

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Conference entertain a very high respect and appreciation of the Allen Industrial Home, Asheville, N. C., and pledge Miss Dole and the good women in charge our hearty support.  
J. D. DIGGS.

Motion for addition of committee on conference relations.

On motion of S. F. B. Peace, Bro. J. A. Rush and J. W. Davis were added to the Committee on Conference Relation.

Reading of standing committee.

The Secretary was called to read the Standing Committee after which each chairman of the committee designated the place for meeting, and the hour for meeting was 2 o'clock p. m.

Announcements.

Announcements were made by pastor in charge, also the Bishop. Programme for Sunday was read by Bro. S. F. B. Peace.



A collection of \$4.30 was taken for stationery and a new Register for the Examinations. Collection.

Doxology was sung and benediction pronounced by the Bishop. Closing.

FIFTH SESSION.

**FOURTH DAY—Monday, October 17th, 1898.**

At 8:30 o'clock a. m. the devotional services were conducted by W. R. Zeigler. Opening.

Singing "All hail the power of Jesus name." Precisely at 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The minutes were read and after the proper correction, they were adopted. Reading of Minutes.

On motion of Elder Wells the Conference recognized and renewed the Deaconess license of Miss S. E. Thornborough. Motion for the recognition of Miss Thornborough's deaconess license.

On motion of Elder Pope, Charles Harshaw was granted a Superannuated Relation. Superannuated relation. Charles Harshaw.

On motion of Elder Smith the report of the Statistical Secretary was adopted. Motion to adopt statistical report.

On motion of Elder Pope, W. A. Pryor was granted a Supernumerary Relation. Supernumerary relation to W. A. Pryor.

The Fourth Question was taken up. Who have been received on trial? Fourth question.

The Presiding Elders having reported, also the Registrar, and their characters passed, the following were admitted: James A. Laughlin, Peter J. Cook, Peter F. Franklin, R. J. Shipp, Charles E. Ball.

On motion of the Committee on Conference Relation

Recognition of orders of F. J. Jones.

the orders of Frank J. Jones, an ordained minister of the Baptist church, were recognized as a "Deacon's."

A three-fold motion.

A three-fold motion prevails that S. A. J. Miller be excused from the 1st year and 2nd year studies and admitted into full connection, and required to make up the third and fourth year studies.

Transferred to Texas Confer. J. A. Foust.

A transfer was given J. A. Foust, who is now in Texas.

Wm. Wells placed in 2d year studies.

The Committee on Conference Relation having reported the character of Wm Wells was passed and he was placed in the studies of the 2nd year.

Introduction.

Rev. J. M. Henderson, of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced and invited to sit within the Conference bar.

Report of Stewards.

The Report of the Stewards was read and adopted.

From the money for Sr. W. H. Smith \$10.00 was subtracted to pay the debt due Mrs. Sanders, at Randleman, N. C.

The Bishop having some official duties to see after was called away, consequently he placed Dr. J. D. Chavis to see after the reports and other business of the Conference for half an hour or more.

Collection of six dollars.

A sum of six dollars (\$6.00) was obtained to be applied to the policy of Bro. Wiley C. Gibson.

Motion by M. J. Bullock.

On motion of M. J. Bullock, the balance of money to meet the dues of Bro. W. Gibson in the Ministers Relief Association, that it be taken from the permanent fund.

Reports.

The following reports were read and adopted: Temperance and Prohibition, Bible Cause, F. A. and S. E. Society, Periodicals and Church Literature, Sabbath Observance, Auditing Committee, Church Extension, Epworth League, Tracts and Sunday School.

Thankatory resolution

On motion of J. D. Diggs a committee was appointed to make a Thankatory Resolution to Bro. Wiley Gibson for the gift of his real estate to the N. C. Conference.

On motion of J. P. Morris, each preacher of the N. C.

Conference preach one or more sermons during the year against cruelty to animals, in all forms.

Motion of J. P. Morris.

J. W. Davis and W. M. Wells were left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

Left without app't to attend school.

E. M. Collett was appointed Conference Evangelist.

Conference evangelist.

The Committee of Investigation brought in its report and as all did not agree, a minority report was read.

Report of committee on investigation.

On motion of G. B. McLean the report of the Investigation Committee be tabled until next Conference.

The following resolutions were read and adopted, and for which see Resolutions.

Resolutions.

No. 1.—Resolution of Respect to Bishop, by J. P. Franklin.

No. 2.—Resolution of Thanks to Railroad Companies, by R. D. Bethea.

No. 3.—Resolution of Thanks for Hospitality, by R. D. Bethea.

No. 4.—Resolution to sustain a Professorship in Bennett College, by J. D. Diggs.

No. 5.—Resolution of Respect to Visiting Brethren, by R. D. Bethea.

No. 6.—Resolution concerning Preachers Institute, by J. P. Morris.

No. 7.—Resolution for a larger appropriation of Missionary Money, by J. A. Rush.

*Minutes* were adopted.

*Resolution* of Respect for Bishop, see Resolution.

On motion of E. M. Collett, all Sunday Schools give a concert and send proceeds to the "Century Movement," through Dr. M. C. B. Mason.

Motion by E. M. Collett.

On motion of Robert Smith, each pastor gives a Sunday for Conference Claimants.

Motion of R. Smith.

The Chairman, J. D. Chavis, read and distributed the sums to the Conference Claimants. See Report.

Report of conf. stewards.

The devotional services were conducted by the Bishop

after which he gave a short address and read the appointments. (See appointments).

The Doxology was sung, the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the 40th Session of the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church adjourned sine die.

R. W. S. THOMAS,

*Secretary.*

W. F. MALLALIEU,

*President.*

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#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS.

This is to certify that at Lenoir, N. C., Oct. 16, 1898, I ordained Peter J. Cook a local deacon under the missionary rule; and at the same time and place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Robert P. Hairston, Huger L. Ashe and Franklin L. Bost elders.

W. F. MALLALIEU.

Lenoir, N. C., Oct. 17, 1898.

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#### LOCAL PREACHERS.

Allison, Ale. . . . .	Mayhew, N. C.
Bethea, A. J., . . . . .	Wilmington, N. C.
Bronton, Thomas . . . . .	Rockingham, N. C.
Campbell, A. J., . . . . .	High Point, N. C.
Cunningham, Madison . . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.
Chinn, G. W., . . . . .	Kernersville, N. C.
Dillworth, C., . . . . .	
Derr, J. R., . . . . .	Mayhew, N. C.
Doggett, W., . . . . .	Reidsville, N. C.
Freeman, G. L., . . . . .	Bolton, N. C.
Hairston, Harry . . . . .	Walkertown, N. C.
Hinton, L. B., . . . . .	West Raleigh, N. C.
Jones, F. J., . . . . .	Lenoir, N. C.
Jones, P. G., . . . . .	" "
Leak, Emanuel . . . . .	Rockingham, N. C.
Lenoir, H. N., . . . . .	" "
Massie, J. P., . . . . .	Mooresboro, N. C.

McNaster, Charles . . . . .	Greensboro, "
McNeill, S. A., . . . . .	Red Springs, N. C.
Norwood, J. T., . . . . .	Lenoir, N. C.
Moore, S. M., . . . . .	Benaja, N. C.
Reid, Jessie . . . . .	Kernersville, N. C.
Pass, Morris . . . . .	Greensboro, N. C.
Sherrill, Alfred . . . . .	Mayhew, N. C.
Thompson, D. T., . . . . .	Faltston, N. C.
Walker, T. J., . . . . .	Thompsonville, N. C.

P. S.—Other names were late for the press, therefore, they were not printed. R. W. S. T.

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REPORTS.

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BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We recommend the following disbursements :

To widow Ratcliff, through Robert Smith, . . . . .	\$20 00
" " Turner, " G. F. Hill, . . . . .	40 00
" " Payne, " M. M. Jones, . . . . .	50 00
" " Smith, " Isaac Wells, . . . . .	30 00
To Rev. L. B. Gibson, through himself, . . . . .	34 00
" " Wyatt Walker, " " . . . . .	30-00
" " Harshaw, " " . . . . .	30 00
" " J. E. Champlin, " " . . . . .	30 00
" " A. Conner, " G. W. Morehead, . . . . .	38 00
" " W. C. Gibson, " Bro. Byers, . . . . .	50 00
" " C. W. Blalock, " himself, . . . . .	36 00

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Total, . . . . . \$388 00

J. D. CHAVIS, *Chairman.*

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MISSIONS.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.—District, \$150; Rocky Mount, \$40; Boon's Mill, \$35; Ramseur, \$20; Madison Circuit \$35; West Greensboro, \$20. Total, \$300.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.—District, \$500; Durham, 30; Oberlin, \$30; Oxford, \$100; Goldsboro, \$100; Newbern, \$200; Norfolk, \$80; Raleigh, \$100. Total, \$1140.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—District, \$190; Asheville, \$200; Boone, \$20;

Franklin, \$20 ; West Asheville, \$30 ; Stanley Creek, \$60. Total, \$540.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—District, \$150 ; Charlotte, \$60 ; Charlotte Mission, \$135 ; Elkton, \$40 ; Red Springs, \$20 ; Swan Station, \$25 ; Wilmington, \$190. Total, \$625.

WINSTON DISTRICT.—District, \$40 ; Advance, \$25 ; Jonesville, \$20 ; Mayhew, \$20 ; Mt. Airy, 50 ; Statesville and Philadelphia, \$30 ; Yadin, \$20 ; Ashboro, 20 ; Salisbury, \$50 ; Mt. Pleasant, \$50 ; Kernersville, \$20. Total, \$345. Grand total, \$2950.

I hereby concur in the above appropriations.

W. F. MALLALIEU.

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### GREENSBORO DISTRICT OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE.

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#### TEMPORAL WORK.

DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN : I am glad of the opportunity of reporting my district once more.

Benaja and Thomasville.—This church was burned down, but we had fortune enough to build again on the same lot. J. C. Robbins, P. C.

Caswell.—No improvement. Henry Garrett.

Center and Julian.—Some improvement. B. F. Thomas—\$75.

East Greensboro.—R. W. S. Thomas. Some money raised.

Greensboro.—M. M. Jones. Money raised.

Leaksville.—M. Mundy.

Madison—A. Clark.

Madison Circuit.—Rev. J. D. Hairston. Some improvement.

Ramseur.—E. Howard. No improvement.

Reidsville.—Rev. A. H. Newsome. No improvement.

Rocky Mount.—J. W. Wells was sent there. Work supplied.

Bocne's Mills.—L. W. Thomas. No improvement.

South Greensboro.—G. B. McLean. Some improvement. Two churches on that work completed, and both painted on the inside and dedicated.

Summerfield—W. M. Chavis.

West Greensboro. F. Allen. No improvement.

Epworth Leagues 12.—Part of which are in good condition, the others being somewhat sleepy. They do not take enough energy in this important work. Those at work are creating new ideas and thoughts in the hearts of the people.

## SPIRITUAL CONDITION.

Benaja and Thomsonville, conversions 47. J. C. Robbins.  
 Caswell, conversions 5. Henry Garrett.  
 Center and Julian, conversions 17. B. F. Thomas.  
 East Greensboro, conversions 17. R. W. S. Thomas.  
 Greensboro, conversions 30. M. M. Jones.  
 Leaksville, conversions 25. M. Mundy.  
 Madison, conversions 68. A. Clark.  
 Madison Circuit, conversions 43. J. D. Hairston.  
 Ramseur, conversions 12. E. Howard.  
 Reidsville, conversions 30. A. H. Newsome.  
 Rocky Mount, conversions 8. C. W. Blaylock.  
 Boone's Mill, conversions 10. L. W. Thomas.  
 South Greensboro, conversions 27. G. B. McLean.  
 Summerfield, conversions 27. W. M. Chavis.  
 West Greensboro, conversions 26. F. Allen.

## BENEVOLENT.

Benaja and Thomasville.—J. C. Robbins, . . . . .	\$
Caswell.—Henry Garrett, . . . . .	
Center and Julian.—B. F. Thomas, . . . . .	24 00
East Greensboro.—R. W. S. Thomas, . . . . .	25 18
Greensboro.—M. M. Jones, . . . . .	200 00
Leaksville.—M. Mundy, . . . . .	37 00
Madison.—A. Clark, . . . . .	50 00
Madison Circuit.—J. D. Hairston, . . . . .	12 00
Ramseur.—E. Howard, . . . . .	15 00
Reidsville.—A. H. Newsome, . . . . .	30 00
Rocky Mount.—C. W. Blaylock, . . . . .	
Boone's Mill.—L. W. Thomas, . . . . .	10 00
South Greensboro.—G. B. McLean, . . . . .	25 00
Summerfield.—Wm. Chavis, . . . . .	14 00
West Greensboro.—F. Allen . . . . .	12 00

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I can say that on all charges the Sunday Schools have been well represented. I have not failed to visit any of them.

## BENNETT COLLEGE.

Bennett College closed last term with greater success than ever before in her history. Dr. Chavis, Dr. Morris and Prof. Thomas have labored arduously to make the school a complete success. They still

continue to work, and it stands among the noble schools in the South. Kent Home is doing her work in the training up of ladies to do house-work. It is well represented by a great worker, Miss Thornborough.

Respectfully submitted by your humble servant,

ISAAC WELLS, P. E.

#### PRESIDING ELDERS REPORT OF THE WINSTON DISTRICT

DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN: By the help of God I am permitted to report the Winston District as follows:

I was reappointed to this District one year ago, by Bishop Andrews. I have traveled over all the charges and looked after the spiritual and temporal business of the church. The District is in a good condition; special attention has been given to the benevolent collection. Our people in some parts of the district want to give their greatest to church building, but I have endeavored to show them the importance of both.

Our first District Convention of the Epworth League was held in Winston on the second week in June, and was an inspiration to the young people of the district. Many resolutions were passed, and are now in practice, for the bettering of our young people.

Our Sunday School convention was held at the same time, and many good lectures were given, and resolutions for the good of the Sunday School were adopted. No. members in Epworth League, 1100; No. members in Sunday School, 2500; teachers and officers, 300.

This district has fifteen appointments, as follows:

1st. *Advance*, Rev. S. P. West, pastor. Our church at Mt. Pleasant was blown off its foundation, but has been replaced, and the people at this point desire it to be made a station. The pastor has worked satisfactory this year, as his report will show. Building, \$285.

2nd. *Asheboro*, Rev. S. McDonald, pastor. They have painted their church here—and it is a beauty. This work is in a very prosperous condition, considering its strength. They have bought a communion set and put the Southwestern in the hands of about 27 of the members. Bro. McDonald has done his duty on this charge. \$40.00.

3rd. *High Point*. Rev. S. L. Johnson, pastor. Bro. Johnson has built up this work in every respect, church, Sunday School, Epworth League, are all in a glowing condition. All say "send him back without fail."

4th. *Jonesville*, Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor. Bro. Jones has paid off



the indebtedness that was hanging over the church. He has done the greatest work that has ever been done on the Jonesville charge. \$238.00.

5th. *Kernersville*, Rev. F. L. Bost, Pastor. Bro. Bost has worked very hard and received very little for support, but he has paid many dollars on the old debt for the Church Extension Society. \$67.00.

6th. *Lexington and Thomasville*, Rev. S. M. Hanes, pastor. This charge is not as good as it used to be. Lexington has not done much this year. Thomasville has done well; all say that Bro. Hanes has done what he could.

7th. *Mayhew*, Rev. S. A. Gibson, pastor. Bro. Gibson has succeeded in building up the Sunday School work on this charge; he has also added considerable to the membership in some places.

8th. *Mitchell*, Rev. J. H. Hunter, pastor. A part of this work is doing well; a part is not doing any good. The church at Mitchell has not done anything hardly worth naming this year. \$2.00.

9th. *Mt. Airy*, Rev. M. J. Bullock, pastor. The church at this point is in better condition than it has been for many years. Bro. Bullock is the right man in the right place. All want him back again.

10th. *Salisbury*. This is a new work just opened this year. Bro. C. E. Ball, a local preacher, was sent there early in the spring. He has done a good work this year. I want to say more about this work later. \$7.00.

11th. *Statesville and Philadelphia*, Rev. C. Harshaw, pastor. Bro. Harshaw has opened up a new work at Snow Hill with—members. A great many members at this point own their homes and are preparing to build. Too much cannot be said about this work.

12th. *Trinity*, Rev. W. A. Pryor, pastor. This work about holds its own. They have done some church work.

13th. *Walnut Cove*, D. McRae, pastor. Bro. McRae has worked faithfully on this charge, but they have not done as well as they did last year.

14th. *Winston*, Rev. J. A. Rush, pastor. Winston is our great church on this district. We have a great membership at this place. One of our worst needs is a model building to equal our great congregation. We hope to see the day when this will be accomplished. They have raised for church building, \$200.00.

15th. *Yadkin*, Rev. S. L. May, pastor. Bro. May has done a great work on this charge. We have a new church building nearly inclosed. It will be a good house when completed.

## SPIRITUAL.

## CONVERSIONS.

Advance 52, High Point 26, Kernersville 15, Mahew 26, Mt. Airy 25, Trinity —, Winston 50, Salisbury 4, Asheboro 32, Jonesville 34, Lexington —, Mitchell —, Statesville and Philadelphia 36, Walnut Cove —, Yadkin 33.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. POPE.

## REPORT OF THE WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN: I have been blessed by the grace of God to travel the District and look after the work at large.

I was prevented from holding the first quarter at some of the charges by sickness in my family.

I found the work in very good condition, except Wilmington. The pastor, James W. Murphy wanted to give up the work, and which he did November 18th, and joined the A. M. E. Church Conference. I then put S. A. J. Miller to take charge of the work.

I have distributed a large number of tracts, preached and lectured upon the "Necessity of a Consistent Life," and "How to Have Power Among Men for God and His Church."

## THE SPIRITUAL WORK.

All our meetings have been glorious. Large number of conversions, the largest number on the following charges: Hamlet, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Melrose, Maxton, Rowland and Salem. The other charges were blessed in a large measure. Number of conversions in the district, 566.

The pastor of the Charlotte Mission, W. M. Wells, left his work and caused the work to suffer, but I put Bro. J. W. Davis in charge, and he has done noble work.

## TEMPORAL WORK.

At Wilmington we have bought lumber and done splendid work, and are now getting ready for plastering.

Swan Station. We have ceiled the house.

Columbus Circuit. Lumberton and Beauty Spot we have painted the churches.

Rowland and Salem. New seats have been put in and some improvement on church buildings.

Maxton. Improvements.

Swan Station and Vass Circuit. Much improvements. Vass church house was burned by a forest fire.

At Morning Star, on the Concord and Monroe Circuit we have put up a new frame, and will soon cover it.

Hamlet. A fine church is completed. Hamlet is a railroad junction, and the pastor, G. W. Byers, has organized a membership about ten miles from Hamlet.

Fayetteville is on a drag. We have done as much there in building up a membership as we will ever do.

Prospect Hall. Rev. J. P. Franklin has done good work.

A letter a few days ago from Brother Alexander McNeill (a local preacher) informs me that he has organized a church at Red Springs, twenty-five miles from Fayetteville. He has a membership of twenty-four and fifty-five Sunday School scholars. This is a grand place, and we are looking for a grand church at this place in a few years.

#### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE WORK.

We have ten chapters, and the working one is at Charlotte, the rest are not doing much, but we are trying to infuse life. The Sabbath Schools are in good condition. Number of schools, 30.

Yours for the work,

D. BROOKS.

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#### REPORT OF THE RALEIGH DISTRICT.

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DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN : I feel thankful to Almighty God to submit to you this report.

When I was appointed to this district three years ago it consisted of seven charges and three hundred members and probationers. We have had an increase of more than two hundred in membership.

We do not need any addition of charges with our present force.

What we need is to make strong the work we have in hand, which we are endeavoring to do. We have had great revivals this year, more than two hundred professed faith in Christ.

In many places we are fast overcoming the prejudice that exists against us in the east. Hundreds of people flock to our churches that hitherto would not darken our doors.

I have carefully looked after every interest of the church in all of its departments pertaining to my duty.

I have lost no time, but have been busy throughout the year. I

have preached 231 sermons, and prayed with more than twelve hundred afflicted persons, and have conducted numerous Bible readings.

Oxford charge, Bro. W. R. Zeigler P. C. The pastor and his people have done a good work this year in the erection of the new parsonage, which was so much needed, and some additions made to the church.

Raleigh, Bro. G. F. Hill P. C. Bro. Hill and his people have done a good work here. He and his people are carrying forward the completion of the parsonage there, which they hope to have ready for occupants this side of Christmas. The outlook of this charge is better than it has been for some years.

West Raleigh, Bro. M. C. Rogers P. C. This charge has had a great revival this year; 40 odd persons professed faith in Christ. Good improvements have been made on the church. A new roof was put on the church and the basement put in condition for use.

Goldsboro charge, Bro. L. G. McDonald P. C. This church had a most wonderful revival, more than 160 persons were converted. This church has more than doubled its membership this year.

New Berne charge, Bro. J. P. Jones P. C. Bro. Jones has had a hard struggle to finish our new church in this city. With \$300 from the Church Extension Society and what little he could gather from the public, and with his own hands, he has built a church at a cost of \$1,000.

Townsville and Henderson charge, Bro. E. McDaniel P. C. This charge has not done as well this year as it might have done. It has fallen far below its standing of last year.

Norfolk and Princes Anne. This charge was supplied by H. D. Jones, who left the work before the close of the year. Our work is more hopeful in this section now than I have ever seen it before. I spent the month of August on this charge, one week in the country about eighteen miles from Norfolk, and three weeks in the city. The Lord gave us a great revival at both of these places. Quite a number of persons professed faith in Christ. Seven were added to the church. I began a meeting in James Street church with six hearers, but before the meeting was closed the church would not hold the people. (This church has been rented out for some years when it was not closed, but now we hope to keep it open and in use for our own service.) I conducted two services per day in the city, one in Barbersville at the People's at 5 p. m., and at James Street church at night. A white lady of the M. E. Church, South, gave us her services as organist a part of two weeks, which was much appreciated.

Many white people attended our meeting, and took active part in

the worship, among whom was the ex-chairman of the city council. Two young ladies added to this church, and a number of persons are expecting to unite with us on my return. We expect to see a great membership in James Street church, the long deserted temple. This has been the most ardent year of my life, and I never felt better and so happy as I have throughout the year. Truly the Lord has been with us.

It has been said that through my neglect that \$100 donated for a new church at Bullock was not paid out, and therefore so much was lost to our work in the State, and the loss of \$100 donation from the Church Extension Board to build a church at Stoval was lost from my lack of duty; and certain school property owned by us in Oxford has been lost through my lack of duty.

I wish to lay this whole matter before this Conference that it may fix the blame upon the proper person for the said loss of property and money. First, I would submit to you papers from Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D., respecting donations for churches at Bullock and Stoval. I am sorry that I have'nt similar papers to submit to you respecting the school property at Oxford, but a simple statement will serve as an index to the understanding of the whole matter. If this conference, after examination, shall say that I am at fault for the loss of said properties and money, I have no more to say. I now read and submit to you the paper from Dr. Kynett relative to donations for churches at Bullock and Stoval, and I give you a verbal statement concerning the school property at Oxford.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. COLLETT.

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#### WESTERN DISTRICT.

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DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN: Another Conference year is nearing its end, and will soon be numbered in the history of the past. I return many thanks to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings to my brethren and myself.

Owing to the scarcity of money and excitements among the people there has not been as much building and improvements as in some past years.

Asheville, Rev. H. L. Ashe, pastor. Some money has been raised on the church building.

Boone, Rev. S. B. Cornelius, pastor. The church has been inclosed and the people are worshipping in it, at Boone.

Forest City, Rev. J. C. Addie, pastor. The church has been finished at Forest City, and a new organization at Henrietta Cotton Mill.

Franklin and Bryson City, Rev. R. J. Shipp, pastor. One church has been inclosed and seated and another has been seated.

Gastonia, Rev. G. W. Brower, pastor. All of the debts have been cancelled at Gastonia, and Bessemore church has been seated.

Hickory, Rev. J. M. Roan, pastor. The parsonage has been repaired with an addition of two rooms.

Lenoir, Rev. S. F. B. Peace, pastor. The church has been improved, also the parsonage.

Lincolnton and Stanley Creek, Rev. S. R. McCorkle, pastor. At Stanley Creek a church after the plan No. 1, A. One is in progress of erection.

Macpelah, Rev. G. W. Morehead, pastor. The church at St. James has been inclosed so as to be worshiped in. Some improvements on the parsonage.

Marion, Rev. A. W. McMaster, pastor. A church has been framed at Marion.

Patterson, Rev. Wm. Crawford, pastor. One church has been inclosed at Gorman's Hill and the people are worshipping in it.

Shelby and Fallston, Rev. R. P. Hairston, pastor. The parsonage at Shelby has been inclosed and the pastor is living in it.

Sherill's Ford and Newton, Rev. E. H. McArthur, pastor. At Mott's Grove the church has been ceiled.

West Asheville, Rev. R. D. Bethea, pastor. Some money has been raised on the church debt at Waynesville.

Wilkesboro, Rev. D. Connel, pastor. The church has been improved.

#### INDEBTEDNESS.

There is but little indebtedness on the District :

Waynesville . . . . .	\$ 200.00
Stanley Creek . . . . .	75.00
Blowing Rock . . . . .	22.00
Lenoir . . . . .	22.00
Hickory . . . . .	9.20
Total . . . . .	<u>\$ 328.21</u>

#### SPIRITUAL.

There has been good revivals at most all of the churches, and the spiritual work is much better than last year. About 450 have been converted and nearly all have joined the church.

## EDUCATION.

Our people are realizing more and more the need of "Christian Education." A large number of our young men and women are preparing to enter school this fall. Some to Bennett, others to the Industrial School at Asheville, which is one of the best schools in the State for colored girls.

The Normal and Industrial School at Hickory is still running. Enrolled last year, 67.

## FINANCE.

I have urged the pastors at each Quarterly Conference and at the District Conference to collect their benevolent collections. The Easter collections were better this year than they were last. Also Children's Day collection was better. Some of the pastors did well raising money on missionary debt paying.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There are 48 Sunday Schools—a gain of two. Many of the houses are poor and the schools go into winter quarters.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The organization is doing good work among our people. There are 26 chapters on the district. The Epworth League Convention held in connection with the District Conference, held at Forest City was quite a success.

R. SMITH.

## EARLY METHODISM.

DEAR BRETHREN: I am preparing a brief account of early Methodism in North Carolina to be published in booklet form. There are some heroic deeds connected with the pioneer work of our fathers that should not be lost. If you know any items of value and interest concerning the beginning of our work and its developments up to today, you will do me a great favor to communicate such to me. Anything concerning the pioneer work, the peculiar difficulties of our work, incidents of the lives of any of the brethren you may know, and of your own life, are earnestly solicited. Trusting that you will comply with this request, I am,

Yours for God and Methodism,

ROBERT E. JONES,

429 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La.

PERIODICALS AND CHURCH LITERATURE.

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The mind is as much in need of "food" for its healthiest development as the body. A strong, vigorous, active, Christ-like soul is verily dependent upon sound thought, good literature and wholesome reading of all kinds. The Methodist Church has always held to this idea, that to build a stalwart, whole-souled Christian you must fill his mind with pure thought.

John Wesley did not fail to call the attention of his co-laborers to the necessity of scattering tracts and good books. We note with regret that our preachers are not the book agents that they were once.

Wesley said: "Feed our people with helpful readings." To another he said: "You are remarkably diligent in spreading the books. Let no man rob you of this glory."

'Twas Wadsworth who said:

"Books we know  
Are a substantial world, both pure and good;  
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,  
Our past-time and happiness grow."

During the year ending October 30, '97 the New York house sold books and periodicals to the amount of \$1,088,378.03, and the Western house, \$1,195,801.81. This success cannot, however, be measured in dollars and cents, for immeasurable has been its good in scattering leaves for the healing of the Nations and Manna for "soul-starved" souls in every land.

Our Sunday School publications are the best; well edited, strong, scholarly and orthodox in the explanation of the word. In one of the Western States, a committee, made up of men of various denominations, was appointed to select Sunday School literature for a State institution. There was placed before this committee literature of many publishing houses. After a careful, deliberate and unbiased consideration of the literature the committee unanimously selected the publications of the Methodist Book Concern. We, therefore, recommend the exclusive use of our publications and tracts.

Further, we recommend the introduction into the homes of people all books published by our Book Concerns.

WHEREAS, The Management of the Book Concerns, by close attention to business, carefully guarding the sacred fund invested by the Church to their care during even these hard times, has been able to send us a draft for \$321 to be distributed to our worn-out preachers, our widows and orphans. Be it



*Resolved*, That we pledge our heartiest support in purchasing and selling our own periodicals and literature.

We hail with much pleasure the enlargement and the constant improvement of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. We recognize that this paper is an important factor in our work in the spreading of the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and giving to our people the higher ideals of life.

WHEREAS, Dr. I. B. Scott, by his strong editorials and untiring effort has made this paper one among the best, we desire to commend his work as meeting our hearty appreciation and approval.

*Resolved 1st*, That we pledge our undivided support to the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, and do hereby make it the official organ of our Conference.

*Resolved 2nd*, That we recommend to the District Conference that no local preacher's license shall be renewed unless he subscribes for the *Southwestern*.

Since the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* must carry to the next General Conference 10,000 cash subscribers, and since there are eighteen colored Conferences belonging to our Methodism, thus making our share of the subscriptions about 555 ; be it

*Resolved*, That each minister does hereby pledge himself to take the *Southwestern* himself, and to secure during the next twelve months his proportion of the number of cash subscribers necessary to placing the *Southwestern* on a self supporting basis.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. BYERS.

G. F. HILL.

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#### REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

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Mysterious are the workings of Providence, and favorable has our Heavenly Father been in the administration of human affairs. He has proven Himself wise, and His ways beyond human comprehension, with the transmission of power to investigate, and the making of many inventions.

The mechanism of man, the world, and all things visible, the redemptions of man are things enshrouded in infinite mystery. Opposition cuts no figure with man or no enterprise of pluck or push. When Gallieo began to discover that the earth was a spherical ball flying about the sun, he was apprehended, brought before the rulers,

and made to recant his concessions of it, but just before he arose from his knees, he was heard to say "And still it moves"—a fact of universal admission to-day. The Methodist Episcopal Church, notwithstanding the seas of trouble through which it has evaded in this country alone, is molding an indellible and infinite sentiment, and even her enemies are rising up to call her blessed. She utilizes every feasible end for the promulgation of her work. The Church Extension department of her work is not a whit behind the other departments of her work. The F. A. and So. Ed. Soc. is making stupendous and rapid strides for the exclusion of ignoring barbarity, and superstition, while the Missionary Society labors in a special, and peculiar way, for the advancement of the Lord's kingdom, by the preaching of the holy cross.

The Missionary and Church Extension Society go hand in hand.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society prepares the individual with those legitimate abilities for accomplishments in any calling of life. The Missionary Society in obedience of the command, from Olivet, sends the man forth in the Spirit of Christ, while the Church Extension constructs an edifice where those to whom he must preach must be nestled, and trained in Sabbath School. All the departments of the work of M. E. Church, and your committee urges that while none of our disciplinary benevolences can be justly overlooked, we do emphasize the importance of a hearty support for our Church Extension work.

We plead your earnest consideration and help. Now those who have borrowed money must make a speedy settlement in some way.

The following is the report of the Church Extension Society.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes report of progress and needs in its bi-monthly magazine, *Christianity in Earnest*.

From 1866 when this work began to Sept. 1, 1898, the Board collected and disbursed, . . . . . \$ 6,124,000

Of this, The General Fund, derived chiefly from collections, personal gifts for Frontier Churches, \$250 each, and Mountain Fund specials of \$100 each, all for use by donations to churches, has aggregated . . . . . \$3,937,000

The Loan Fund has a permanent capital of . . . . . \$ 1,036,000

And churches borrowing have returned . . . . . 1,151,000

Giving for use by loans . . . . . \$ 2,187,000

Making the aggregate above given . . . . . \$ 6,124,000

With this the Board aided 10,824 churches—more than one-third of the entire number owned by our denomination.

Our Conference has shared in this work as follows :

The collections taken in our churches, from the beginning to November 1, 1897, the close of the last fiscal year of the Board, aggregated . . . . . \$ 2,073.08

To this our Conference adds this year . . . . . \$ . . . . .

Making a total of . . . . . \$ . . . . .

One hundred and fifteen churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1, 1897.

By donations of . . . . . \$ 19,584.09

And loans of . . . . . \$ 4,500

The part our Conference is to take, in both giving and receiving, is definitely fixed, under provisions of Discipline, by the General Committee from year to year. For the ensuing year.

Our Conference is asked to raise by collections . . . . . \$ 300.00

Our needy churches may, on approved applications receive . \$ 500.00

The amount of aid granted must depend on the amount of the collections taken, and cannot exceed the proportion above indicated. Interest, therefore, in our own Conference, as well as in the general cause, should inspire us to use all diligence to secure the full amount asked, and if possible go beyond it.

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### Resolutions.

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WHEREAS, We have been so highly favored and blest with the presence and presidency of our very much esteemed and beloved Bishop, W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., who has so ably and nobly presided over the deliberations of the Conference. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Conference tender to him a rising vote of thanks for his fatherly advice, counsel and Godly admonition, as well as the care he has had in all the work of the Conference.

J. P. FRANKLIN,  
G. B. McLEAN,  
R. E. JONES.

The good people of Lenoir having so faithfully taken care of the members of the Conference, delegates and visitors, *Resolved*, That we render them a rising vote of thanks for their kindness to us.

R. D. BETHEA,

The railroads having granted reduced rates to this Conference, *Resolved*, That we give them our heartfelt thanks. R. D. BETHEA.

*Resolved*, That each preacher in charge preach one sermon on Vivisection in their church during the ensuing year. J. P. MORRIS.

WHEREAS, Our churches are having so much trouble on account of secret societies and, whereas, we believe them to be hurtful to our people, *Resolved*, That we, the members of the North Carolina Conference, do all we can to discharge the same. A. H. NEWSOME.

WHEREAS, The opening of new work and the making of one new district has so divided our missionary appropriations that many of the pastors, and the presiding elders, are very inadequately assisted.

*Be it Resolved*, That we hereby ask the Missionary Committee, through our General Conference District representative, Rev. J. M. Carter, for a larger appropriation to this conference, at the next session of the Missionary Committee.

REV. J. A. RUSH,  
J. D. CHAVIS.

*Resolved*, That we, the N. C. Conference, now in session, do in no sense hold Rev. E. M. Collett responsible for the loss of the property at Oxford, and that we endorse his course of adjustment of the whole matter.

J. D. CHAVIS,  
R. E. JONES.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACTS.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Sunday School, being one of the greatest organizations of our church, should demand our prayers and interest to make it successful.

We are glad to note its growth, embracing now 31,228 schools, 349,085 officers and teachers, 2,614,215 scholars. 127,286 conversions were reported last year.

We advise that the best teachers be chosen, those who are earnest in spiritual experience, intelligent in mind, apt to teach, and godly in life; that we urge a careful preparation of the lesson by teachers and pupils; and that children be encouraged to memorize the Scriptures.

We urge that the literature used by our Sunday Schools be purchased from our Methodist Book Concern.

The Sunday School Union has aided 3,600 schools during the past year, and since it has no other contributions than from the charges we recommend that each charge do their utmost to bring up their

apportionments for the ensuing year, and thus help to foster such a potent factor in our Methodism.

## TRACT SOCIETY.

We wish to impress upon your minds the importance of the use of Tracts in connection with our pastoral work. Many persons have been saved and induced to live a higher life by simply reading a tract.

The Tract Society of our church states that a catalogue of tracts may be sent free to any address, and that any charge, through its pastor, is at liberty to send for tracts to the amount of one-half its last collection, and that special grants of tracts will be given when circumstances require. We recommend that pastors avail themselves of this privilege.

The Tract Society gives to the cause of Missions from \$6,000 to \$7,000 each year.

We urge that we do more this year than last to bring or send our full apportionments.

Respectfully,

J. M. ROAN,

J. C. ROBBINS,

J. D. MURPHY,

*Committee.*

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 SABBATH OBSERVANCE.
 

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The committee on Sabbath Observance, beg leave to report as follows :

WHEREAS, In the wisdom of Almighty God the command has been given to "Observe the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy," and that this day has been consecrated unto the service and worship of him who made it ; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency toward Sabbath breaking, such amusements as draw the hearts and minds of our young people from the hope of the Gospel in Christ, and that there is a growing tendency toward Sunday excursions by rail and vehicle, extravagant dinners, unnecessary Sabbath calls, at the expense of being prompt at Church service, and the reading of the newspaper instead of God's word, which is demoralizing in its effects upon the minds and morals of our people.

*Be it resolved,* That we, the preachers of the North Carolina Con-

ference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby pledge ourselves to fight every form of Sabbath breaking.

*Be it resolved further,* That each preacher preach one sermon on Sabbath breaking during the next Conference year.

Respectfully, your committee,

J. A. RUSH,  
A. CLARK.

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### CONFERENCE RELATION.

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We, your committee, beg leave to report in the case of Wm. Wells. Bro. Wells promises to pay twenty-nine dollars and twenty cents of his last draft, and two dollars of benevolent money. Thirty-one dollars and twenty cents secured by I. Wells, P. E.

We therefore recommend that he be continued in the second year's study.

Respectfully submitted,

M. MUNDY,  
J. A. RUSH,  
M. J. BULLOCK,  
C. HARSHAW.

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### BIBLE CAUSE.

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Our interest in the American Bible Society embraces, as we take into consideration, a great work of usefulness in placing the "Word of God" in the reach of the people.

There is no home in America excused from not having the "Precious Volume."

The black man in the cane and cotton fields, the Indian in the forest and the foreigner in the slums of the cities all over this country can have perfect satisfaction through the instrumentality of this Society.

WHEREAS, We are benefited by having hundreds of Bibles given us, and by its wholesome influence the world is coming to Christ;

*Resolved,* That we do all we can to aid the Society in this grand work of christianizing the world.

G. W. BROWER,  
B. F. THOMAS,  
F. L. BOST.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

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WHEREAS, It is our duty to fight sin of every kind, and combine every energy and force to destroy the monster evil, king alcohol, for it is a great hindrance to the progress of our race and nation morally, financially, and religiously than any other evil. We, therefore, recommend November 27th, (fourth Sunday) for Temperance Sunday), and that every preacher of the North Carolina Conference shall preach a Temperance Sermon on that day.

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the North Carolina Conference do all in our power to promote the cause of temperance.

S. L. JOHNSON,  
L. G. McDONALD,  
A. W. McMASTER.

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EDUCATION.

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Education is the process of the development or drawing out of the powers of the mind and body, rather than the mere acquisition of knowledge.

In education the discipline of the intellect is the principal or most essential element; hence education is not confined to school and college years.

It is begun under wise and competent teachers, but should be continued ever through life by constant research and study.

True education is the bringing of man into right relationship with his fellowman and his God.

It is the realization of one's individuality, possibilities, and responsibilities.

We have great reasons to congratulate ourselves on our relation to the Methodist Episcopal church, for she is not only a great missionary or evangelizing force, but she is also the patron of schools and learning. That the educational sentiment has kept pace with the amazing growth and enterprise of the church is demonstrated in the fact that from the Cokesberry College we have advanced to the great Boston and greater American Universities. Our schools, seminaries, colleges, and universities are thrown open not only to the brother in white, but to the brother in black as well.

We view with pride and admiration the prosperity of our splendid schools of learning, established for the culture and refinement of our people, and return our sincere thanks to Almighty God for the gra-

cious providence which brought them into existence, and for the philanthropy of those good and great men by whose aid their support and continuation are made possible.

WHEREAS, Those noble institutions were given to us at a time when we were not able to help ourselves, and believing that the schools both North and South are well supplied with well trained teachers and that the curriculums are such as to produce the finest type of scholarship, and the training and development such as to produce the highest type of manhood and womanhood; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we urge our young people, and especially our young men who are looking toward the ministry, to avail themselves of the most excellent opportunities furnished by the educational institutions of our church.

*Resolved*, That we as a Conference nerve ourselves to call upon our congregations to stand with us in a benevolent support of our institutions of learning.

*Resolved*, That we tender hearty greeting to the honored Presidents and efficient Faculties of all our schools, and especially to our beloved Bennett College, the "Power House" of the North Carolina Conference, and to the Kent and Allen Homes, veritable "batteries," for generating light to illuminate the homes of the preachers and laymen within her borders with the pledge of prayerful remembrance and financial help and that we will not only stand by them but will also be with them in carrying forward their noble work.

J. W. DAVES,

H. L. ASHE,

J. P. FRANKLIN,

*Committee.*

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#### FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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The work of this Society as a part of the M. E. Church has done more good than any similar organization in the South. No power or force has done more good to lift the cloud and weight of ignorance from the Negro and the poorer whites of the South than the F. A. & S. E. Society of the M. E. Church. The Church never spent money more profitably nor made investments from which larger dividends and greater interests were received.

It is to be deprecated that in a few instances in some of the Conferences the F. A. & S. E. Society has not received the attention and



hearty encouragement of the pastors that it should, while comparatively undue stress has been laid upon Missions and Church Extension.

We do not see that it is more honor to the Church to save one soul three thousand miles away, at the expense of ten thousand dollars, than it is to use that same amount of money to save *ten thousand* souls of those who are at her doors. This does *not* mean that *less* should be done for the great work of *Missions*, but that *more* should be done to save the thousands in the reach of the F. A. & S. E. Society.

Our schools, carried on by this Society, have set in motion a wave of Christian Education and morality that will effect both the present generation and the thousands yet unborn, and still continue until it lash the shores of eternity and break in silvery spray.

God has bedecked the Southern firmament with these stars of Christian Education that make effulgent that part of the country once cursed by slavery, and thereby cursed by ignorance. No system of Education has done more to revolutionize public sentiment in the South than the Freedmen's Aid and Education Society. The work of this Society is changing our bitterest enemies into friends; it is changing the Southern idea of a Negro from that of a brute to that of a genuine man. This, itself, is enough to pay the great Church for her large expenditure.

The F. A. & S. E. Society emphasizes pre-eminently *Christian Education*, as that education which has not Christ as its center and foundation is of little value.

The schools of the F. A. & S. E. Society are preparing men and women for leadership—those who will plead for the Christian Church and for righteous citizenship in this great country of ours.

Among these schools Bennett College demands our best efforts, prayers and most hearty support.

The erection and completion of the new brick five-story dormitory for our young men, by means of putting our own mites together, has placed a never-fading star in our crown and evoked a round of applause from our friends in the North and those in the South, while our own hearts are gladdened and made to rejoice in the consciousness of self-help.

Our Gammon Theological Seminary stands as a child of direct providence. The work of our beloved Gammon Theological Seminary, under the F. A. & S. E. Society, is being felt from the lakes to the coral strand, from the turbulent Atlantic to the placid Pacific, and even where "Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sands." The impress of Gammon Theological Seminary may now be found in the power of preaching the gospel of Christ.

We here reiterate our former utterances :

WHEREAS, The duly qualified candidates for admission in our Conference can enjoy in Gammon the best Bible and theological training for three years without paying any fee whatever ; and,

WHEREAS, That excellent board may be had for \$7.50 per month, with free rooms, and that in case of very poor but promising students, even this small sum is, in part, provided for by loans from various sources ; and

WHEREAS, The large annual outlay of the Seminary and of the F. A. & S. E. Society, which co-operate with it, may just as well be applied for the benefit of the young men of the North Carolina Conference as for the benefit of others.

THEREFORE, We do recommend a young man seeking admission into our Conference, to first pursue a course in Bennett College and then pursue a course at Gammon Theological Seminary.

We heartily endorse the Stewart Foundation for Africa, and hereby acknowledge our gratefulness in the establishment of the same.

J. P. MORRIS,

R. W. S. THOMAS.

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### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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We observe daily that immorality, illiteracy, intemperance, and, in fact, sins of every description are predominant factors in degrading our youth. To bring about a changed condition in the social, moral and religious life of our young people, and thus bring them to a higher standard of christianity and moral respectability, we feel the need of an institution that will be able to grasp the young people and prepare them for greater usefulness in life.

WHEREAS, We believe that in the Epworth League we have discovered the long and much needed institution,

*Resolved 1st*, That each League of the State strive to make this Conference year the paramount record of all previous years, and that each officer of State, District and Local Chapters be a committee whose business it shall be to execute plans for the development of this our beloved institution.

*Resolved 2d*, That each pastor pledge his hearty support and co-operation to the work, seeing to it that Leagues be organized wherever suitable and sufficient material can be gathered, not forgetting to encourage and show the needs of our League literature.

*Resolved 3rd*, That each Presiding Elder also pledge his support to the younger of our twain sisters, and go forth in the now raging battle, looking up and lifting up until the world shall be conquered for Christ.

R. P. HAIRSTON,  
A. H. NEWSOME,  
S. F. B. PEACE,  
J. W. JONES,  
W. F. ALLEN.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY.

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LENOIR, N. C., October 15, 1898.

3:30 P. M. Saturday.—After the devotional services were ended what members of the State Epworth League Cabinet were present, and the delegates from District Leagues, with members of the Annual Conference, resolved themselves into a convention for the purpose of electing Cabinet Officers for the State League. Rev. J. P. Morris, D. D., the President of the State League Cabinet for '97-'98 was present and presided. Upon nomination J. D. Diggs was elected Secretary, *pro tem*.

On motion of Mrs. R. C. Bearden the vote on the election of president be taken by ballot. The chairman appointed for tellers, J. W. Davis, G. W. Morehead, J. A. Rush, and Wm. Crawford.

On motion of J. A. Rush, the Bar of the Convention was fixed at the third window.

The result of the first ballot was reported as follows: J. P. Morris, 35; R. W. S. Thomas, 3; J. D. Diggs, 7. J. P. Morris having received the highest number of votes Rev. E. Jones moved to make the vote unanimous. It was carried. It was agreed that the other officers be elected by acclamation, which resulted as follows:

*President*—Rev. J. P. Morris, Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.

*First Vice President*—Rev. J. D. Diggs, Maxton, N. C.

*Second Vice President*—Rev. J. W. Davis, Atlanta, Ga.

*Third Vice President*—Mr. John W. Simpson, Winston, N. C.

*Fourth Vice President*—Mrs. R. C. Bearden, Charlotte, N. C.

*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. Willis Graves, West Raleigh, N. C.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Miss Dulcina Torrence, Bessemer, N. C.

On motion Rev. I. W. Lowery, A. M., State League President of South Carolina Conference, was made an honorary member; Junior League Superintendent, Miss Georgia A. Jones; Superintendent Epworth Guards, Rev. G. W. Morehead.

The following resolutions received and adopted:

WHEREAS, By reason of the cumbersomeness of meeting in joint session with the Annual Conference, and a delegation of Leagues will be an unnecessary expense on the people and otherwise; Be it

*Resolved*, That the State Convention meet as a separate body, and at a different time from the Annual Conference.

G. B. McLEAN,

E. H. McARTHER,

*Committee.*

On motion of Mrs. R. C. Bearden, Charlotte, N. C., was chosen as the place for next meeting.

On motion the Convention adjourned with benediction by Dr. M. C. Mason, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

REV. J. P. MORRIS, PRESIDENT.

J. D. DIGGS, *Secretary.*

## THE WORK IN ASHEVILLE.

By MISS ALSIE B. DOLE.



ASHEVILLE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

I have great pleasure in meeting the North Carolina Conference, a pleasure which I have long anticipated, but which has been impossible until now.

It is perhaps unnecessary in this presence, to enter into a detailed account of the work undertaken by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. I will briefly state its purpose, as given in Article II of the Constitution which reads thus: "The aim of this Society shall be to enlist the efforts of Christian women, in behalf of the needy and destitute women, and children, of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies of the church in educational and missionary work." Our organization grew out of a need, which after it was realized, dare not be neglected. The hearts and consciences of the good women of Methodism had been thoroughly aroused and enlisted, so they banded themselves together for the uplifting and enfranchisement of their sisters, who had been shut away from opportunity for improvement.

They pledged to this cause, their means, their effort and their prayers; for they realized that *God was leading*, and that the cause which they had espoused was His cause.

Wisely was this Society christened *Home* Missionary Society, bearing as its motto these words: "For love of Christ, and in His name," and cherishing in its heart this sentiment. "First our *Redeemer*, next our country." With the spirit of Christian patriotism, and with a wisdom God-given, these women began their work of helpfulness, at the rock whereon our civilization is built,—*the Home*,—for, if in the beginning, the Maker had not "set us in families," there would have been no homes, no property, no literature, science, or civilization—nothing worth living for.

The Christian home in which the parents love and cherish one another; where the children are loyally devoted to one another, and are taught to honor and love the father and mother; such a home is indeed the type of heaven on earth.

In reading the writings of Paul, who was a model minister as well as a careful observer, and deep reasoner, we see how he reveres the home; and, "He who went about doing good," yet, "had not where to rest His head," gives testimony of his regard for the home where righteousness dwelt. When weary and worn, needing the comfort and solace of a resting place, the tired feet turned toward the home at Bethany, where was rest and welcome. No other word in our language is so suggestive of sweet and hallowed associations, as is the word *home*.

There, truly, is the fountain head of good to our nation; and there as surely, may be the fountain of evil. The thought prompting the originators of our work, has been to help purify and dignify the domestic life of those who have known too little of the sweetness and sacredness of a wholesome and orderly Christian home.

Wherever our schools have been planted, there, also, has been erected the model Home, into which the girls are gathered, and given, not only practical ideas of how to conduct a home, but are lead also to know and love the Lord, and to seek the Eternal Home, "not made with hands." Our society has wisely provided the three-fold culture, mental, industrial, and spiritual. Some one has said, "That to be truly great, is to see what God is doing, and to do it with Him."

Our workers have been given to see God's plan for the education and development of the colored girls of the South, and upon their entering into this plan, He has provided the means with which to establish their undertaking. When they realized that they were included in His plan for correcting the fearful evil of mormanism, they courageously undertook to aid in this good work, and were honored in bearing no small share in staying this horrible tide of sin. The rescue and shelter offered to defenseless immigrant girls—strangers in a

strange land,—an easy prey to those who would entice them to their ruin, is another branch of our work in the great cities; and many innocent girls have been saved through our Immigrant Homes.

In the large cities which are centers of vice, His plan has been carried out in the building of Deaconess Homes with their varied lines of applied Christianity.

Ready hands with timely aid, have also been extended toward our needy ministers, and their families, both on the western frontier, and in the Southland. The call of the needy and the oppressed in every section of our land has met with a ready response from this helpful organization. This can be more fully shown by quoting from the Annual Report as follows:

“Eighteen years ago a few women banded together to help make the burdens of life lighter for other women less favored than they. They were at that time officially unrecognized, but are now one of the seven authorized societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They now number fifty thousand members.

They have seen over \$1,000,000 pass through their treasury. Seventy-five missionaries and teachers are now in their employ, and over fifty deaconesses are at work, or in training. They have twenty-one Industrial Homes, thirteen schools for academic work, three Immigrant Homes, twenty-four Deaconess' Homes, besides hospitals and training schools.

More than two thousand girls have been in training in our Industrial Homes, and in our schools, eight thousand pupils have been taught. Beginning with nothing, we now have property valued at half a million dollars.

Early in our history, points were chosen for our work in the South and West, and money began to be collected for many buildings. The beautiful structure at Asheville, N. C. is the last of these enterprises.”

And now, brethren, for this youngest child of our society, I bespeak your influence, your effort, and your prayers; for with *God's blessing*, and *your support*, we cannot fail. Through the eleven years since our school opened, we have had abundant evidence of the approval of the Master, in the conversion of many souls, and in the superior culture, and character of the girls who have gone out to teach, and to help those entrusted to their care, or to brighten the homes that are blessed by their presence.

ALSIE B. DOLE.

Ashville, N. C.

## North Carolina Conference.

### GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

ISAAC WELLS, P. E., P. O., GREENSBORO, N. C.

Boone's Mill, (supply) . . . . .	L. W. Thomas.
Center (P. O. Salem) . . . . .	W. M. Chavis.
Danville (Va., supply) . . . . .	
East Greensboro (supply) . . . . .	
Greensboro (supply) . . . . .	
Jackson (supply) . . . . .	Henry Garrett.
Leaksville . . . . .	Marcus Mundy.
Madison . . . . .	Alexander Clark.
Madison Circuit . . . . .	J. D. Hairston.
Ramseur . . . . .	David Connell.
Reidsville . . . . .	Sam'l M'Donald
Reidsville Circuit . . . . .	Turner Mills.
Rocky Mount (Va.) . . . . .	E. H. McArthur.
South Greensboro . . . . .	A. W. McMaster.
Summerfield . . . . .	B. F. Thomas.
West Greensboro . . . . .	R. G. Shipp.

J. D. Chavis, President; J. P. Morris and R. W. S. Thomas, Professors in Bennett College—members of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

R. E. Jones, Assistant Manager of Southwestern Christian Advocate—member of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

J. W. Davis, J. A. Foust and W. M. Wells left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

### RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. P. HAYES, P. E., P. O., OXFORD, N. C.

Clarksville . . . . .	Supply.
Durham . . . . .	"
Goldsboro . . . . .	L. G. McDonald.
Louisburg . . . . .	Supply.
Newberne . . . . .	J. P. Jones,



Norfolk and Princess Anne . . . . .	G. B. McLean.
Oberlin . . . . .	M. C. Rogers.
Oxford . . . . .	W. R. Zeigler.
Raleigh . . . . .	G. F. Hill.
Townsville and Henderson . . . . .	E. V. McDaniel.

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WESTERN DISTRICT.

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ROBERT SMITH, P. E., P. O., HICKORY, N. C.

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Asheville . . . . .	H. L. Ashe.
Boone . . . . .	S. B. Cornelius.
Catawba . . . . .	Supply. S. J. Hayden.
Forest City . . . . .	J. C. Addie.
Franklin and Bryson . . . . .	Supply.
Gastonia . . . . .	G. W. Brower.
Hickory . . . . .	J. M. Roan.
Lenoir . . . . .	S. F. B. Peace.
Lincolnton . . . . .	Supply. R. L. Foster.
Macpelah . . . . .	J. C. Robbins.
Marion . . . . .	Peter F. Johnson.
Patterson . . . . .	J. H. Hunter.
Shelby and Fallston . . . . .	R. P. Hairston.
Sherrill's Ford and Newton . . . . .	R. D. Bethea.
Stanley Creek and Mount Holly . . . . .	W. F. Allen.
West Asheville and Waynesville . . . . .	William Crawford.

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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DANIEL BROOKS, P. E., P. O., HIGH POINT, N. C.

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Charlotte, Mission Circuit . . . . .	P. J. Cook.
"    Simpson Chapel . . . . .	G. W. Morehead.
Elkton . . . . .	A. B. McQueen.
Fayetteville and Prospect Hall . . . . .	Supply.
Hamlet and Southern Pines . . . . .	G. W. Byers.
Laurinburg . . . . .	M. M. Jones.
Maxton . . . . .	J. D. Diggs.
Melrose . . . . .	J. D. Murphy.

Red Spring . . . . .	Supply.
Rowland and Salem . . . . .	M. J. Bullock.
Swan Station . . . . .	Supply.
Wilmington and Baggaw . . . . .	S. A. J. Miller.

E. M. Collett, Conference Evangelist, member of Charlotte Quarterly Conference.

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WINSTON DISTRICT.

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W. W. POPE, P. E., P. O., WINSTON, N. C.

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Advance . . . . .	Supply.
Ashboro . . . . .	S. M. Hanes.
High Point . . . . .	S. L. Johnson.
Jefferson . . . . .	Supply. C. R. Davidson.
Jonesville and Wilkesboro . . . . .	J. W. Jones.
Kernersville . . . . .	F. L. Bost. *
Lexington . . . . .	A. H. Newsome.
Mayhew . . . . .	S. A. Gibson.
Mitchell . . . . .	Elisha Howard.
Mount Airy . . . . .	J. P. Franklin.
Salisbury . . . . .	C. E. Ball.
Statesville and Philadelphia . . . . .	J. A. Laughlin.
Trinity . . . . .	S. R. McCorkle.
Walnut Cove . . . . .	Dorsey McRae.
Winston, Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	S. P. West.
“ St. Paul . . . . .	J. A. Rush.
Yadkin . . . . .	S. L. May.

Moneys to Be Raised.

DISTRICTS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	F. A. & S. E. S.	Children's Fund.	Education.	S. S. Union.	Tracts.	W. H. M. Society.	Bible Cause.	Episcopal Fund.	Conf. Claim. Fund.
<b>RALEIGH DISTRICT.</b>											
Danville, . . . . .	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Durham, . . . . .	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Goldsboro, . . . . .	12	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
Oberlin, . . . . .	13	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
Oxford, . . . . .	12	4	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	4	4
Norfolk and Princess Anne, . . . . .	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
Raleigh, . . . . .	6	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Townesville, . . . . .	12	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	4	4
<b>GREENSBORO DISTRICT.</b>											
Benaja, . . . . .	10	5	10	5	5	1	1	1	3	4	4
Center and Julian, . . . . .	10	5	10	4	5	1	1	1	3	3	3
Caswell, . . . . .	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
East Greensboro, . . . . .	10	3	10	5	5	1	1	1	3	2	2
Greensboro, . . . . .	70	15	100	15	10	2	2	2	2	8	8
Leaksville, . . . . .	15	3	10	5	5	1	1	1	2	2	2
Madison Circuit, . . . . .	4	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2
Madison, . . . . .	15	5	10	6	5	1	1	1	3	3	3
Ramseur, . . . . .	10	5	12	6	5	1	1	1	3	3	3
Reidsville, . . . . .	25	8	20	8	5	1	1	1	3	3	3
Rocky Mount, . . . . .	5	2	8	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	3
South Greensboro, . . . . .	5	3	10	5	5	1	1	1	3	3	3
West Greensboro, . . . . .	5	2	5	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2
Summerfield, . . . . .	10	3	10	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2
<b>WESTERN DISTRICT.</b>											
Asheville, . . . . .	15	5	12	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Boone and Jefferson, . . . . .	15	4	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Forest City, . . . . .	30	10	40	10	5	2	2	2	1	3	5
Franklin, . . . . .	10	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gastonia and Bessimore, . . . . .	15	10	15	10	5	1	1	1	1	3	3
Hickory, . . . . .	12	5	12	8	5	1	1	1	1	2	2
Lenoir, . . . . .	20	10	14	7	5	2	2	1	1	3	3
Lincolnton, . . . . .	10	5	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Macpelah, . . . . .	80	15	59	15	15	2	2	2	2	5	5
Marion, . . . . .	20	5	12	5	4	1	1	1	1	3	3
Shelby and Fallston, . . . . .	18	10	40	10	2	2	1	1	1	3	3
Sherrill's Ford and Newton, . . . . .	12	5	10	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3
West Asheville, . . . . .	16	0	12	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	3
Wilkesboro, . . . . .	15	5	15	5	4	1	1	1	1	2	2
Patterson, . . . . .	15	5	12	5	4	1	1	1	2	1	2

## MONEY TO BE RAISED,—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	F. A. and S. E. S.	Children's Fund.	Education.	S. S. Union.	Tracts.	W. H. M. Society.	Bible Cause.	Episcopal Fund.	Conf. Claim. Fund.
<b>WINSTON DISTRICT.</b>											
Advance, . . . . .	7	5	30		1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Asheboro, . . . . .	1	2	20		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dobson, . . . . .	1	1	3		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
High Point, . . . . .	5	5	20		2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Jonesville, . . . . .	5	2	10		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kernersville, . . . . .	5	2	10		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lexington and Thomasville	5	5	15		1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Mayhew, . . . . .	5	5	5		2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mitchell, . . . . .	5	5	5		2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Airy, . . . . .	5	5	40		2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Statesville and Philadelphia, . . . . .	2	2	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Trinity, . . . . .	2	2	20		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walnut Cove, . . . . .	2	2	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Winston, . . . . .	40	30	130		10	3	5	20	3	3	10
Yadkin, . . . . .	2	2	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>WILMINGTON DISTRICT.</b>											
Charlotte—First Church, . . . . .	25	8	20		2	1	1	2	1	2	3
Charlotte Mission, . . . . .	3	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elkton, . . . . .	10	3	5		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Red Springs, . . . . .	2	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hamlet, . . . . .	20	10	20		1	1	1	1	3	3	
Fayetteville, . . . . .	7	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Laurinburg, . . . . .	50	8	30		4	2	1	1	1	5	5
Lumberton, . . . . .	40	5	25		3	2	1	1	1	4	4
Maxton, . . . . .	40	6	25		3	2	1	1	1	4	4
Melrose, . . . . .	30	5	20		2	1	1	2	1	3	3
Rowland, . . . . .	25	5	20		2	1	1	2	1	2	3
Swan, . . . . .	15	3	5		1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Wilmington, . . . . .	14	3	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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STATISTICS NO. 1.—GREENSBORO DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA, CONFERENCE FOR 1898.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid on building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.
Benaia and Thompsonville.....	85	247	4	8	.....	30	4	19	167	4	\$1500	.....	.....	\$4 50	.....	.....
Boon's Mill .....	13	79	.....	2	.....	2	2	5	30	1	200	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....
Caswell .....	2	25	.....	1	.....	.....	1	5	35	1	200	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....
Center and Judah .....	17	100	2	1	13	11	4	20	200	2	1100	.....	.....	70 00	.....	.....
East Greensboro .....	10	128	2	1	.....	.....	2	14	166	2	1600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leaksville .....	31	219	2	1	1	40	3	25	175	2	1700	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....
Madison .....	12	70	1	2	.....	8	3	15	166	2	1100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison Circuit .....	42	179	4	1	3	52	5	20	180	4	1600	.....	.....	36 00	9	.....
Ramseur .....	15	108	4	5	2	12	4	19	150	4	1200	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....
Reidsville .....	4	89	.....	2	10	8	1	13	150	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Mount .....	5	.....	.....	7	27	1	1	3	36	.....	700	.....	.....	11 00	37	2 00
South Greensboro .....	23	213	3	1	.....	6	3	28	148	3	2100	.....	.....	3 00	2	.....
Summerfield .....	25	180	2	6	4	13	3	10	100	3	1200	.....	.....	102 00	20	6 80
West Greensboro .....	12	120	1	3	1	13	3	10	117	3	500	.....	.....	45 00	.....	5 00
Greensboro .....	16	370	3	15	4	2	1	25	275	1	500	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Total .....	260	2506	28	62	66	171	39	239	1968	55	\$21700	4	\$1930	\$730 25	\$122	\$13 89



STATISTICS NO. 1.—WESTERN DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1898.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

Names of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptised.	No. of School-	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Asheville	3	77	1	1	.....	1	1	10	150	2	\$ 650	..	.....	\$ 91	\$ 10	\$
Boone and Jefferson	1	17	4	4	.....	8	2	7	34	2	400	1	.....	10	8	6
Forest City	25	200	4	4	12	6	2	16	175	2	1000	1	\$ 100	125	25	9
Franklin	3	44	.....	.....	3	4	2	6	82	2	600	.....	.....	43	5	.....
Gastonia and Stanly Creek	32	120	2	2	2	4	2	16	90	2	1945	.....	.....	30	25	48
Hickory	18	79	2	2	2	1	2	6	60	2	700	2	.....	43	9	15
Lenoir	20	190	4	4	5	2	3	20	140	2	2000	1	.....	125	30	.....
Lincolnton	25	60	1	2	5	1	5	26	82	2	400	2	.....	80	10	61
MackDelah	95	341	3	10	30	18	4	40	387	4	275	1	.....	220	.....	.....
Marion	28	148	.....	.....	.....	3	4	18	150	2	1500	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Paterson	35	67	1	4	3	2	4	18	500	2	500	1	.....	5	.....	.....
Shelby and Fallston	31	155	2	2	3	2	5	12	185	2	500	1	.....	65	35	10
Sherrill's Ford and Newton	26	194	2	5	13	15	3	12	135	4	80	1	.....	130	22	39
Waynesville and West Asheville	4	48	1	2	6	8	6	48	210	2	2800	1	.....	45	85	15
Wilkesboro	8	57	.....	.....	1	3	1	7	55	1	1000	1	.....	.....	10	.....
Totals last Year	354	1787	23	44	92	71	43	248	1930	30	\$15,271	10	\$2010	\$1107	\$264	\$203
Totals this Year	301	1671	22	30	88	78	43	243	1730	31	16,764	8	550	1079	211	328
Increase	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	7	116	1	14	4	7	1	5	180	2	1483	2	.....	28	53	125







STATISTICS No. 3.—GREENSBORO DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1898.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.				Support of P. Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Conference Claimants Received from		Current Expend's					
		Salary	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total	Deficiencies.	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Collected from	Other Sources.	Total.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Benaja and Thompsonville.	J. C. Robbins.	314 00		314 00	240 00		240 00	74	60	3	60	3	303 00	2	9	4 00	
Boon's Mill.	C. W. Thomas.	75 00		75 00	48 00		48 00	27	18	1	18	1			1	3 00	
Caswell.	Henry Garrett	32 50		32 50	32 50		32 50	8	8		8		227 00	1	25	15 00	
Center and Julian.	B. F. Thomas	225 00	25	250 00	170 00	25	195	55	31	3	31	1		1			
East Greensboro.	R. W. S. Thomas	210 00		210 00	210 00		210 00	65	64	8	64	3		3	24	12 00	
Leaksville.	M. Mundy.	400 00	25	425 00	335 00	25	360	65	48	3	48	3		3	30	9 00	
Madison.	A. Clark.	325 00	30	355 00	260 00	30	290	65	28	3	28	3	106 00	1	12	5 00	
Madison Circuit.	J. D. Hairston.	250 00		250 00	137 00		137 00	123	28	3	28	3		3	42	33 00	
Ramseur.	E. Howard	215 00	12	227 00	103 00	12	115	112	50	3	50	3		3	8		
Reidsville.	A. H. Newsome.	300 00	48	348 00	286 00	48	334	14	40	3	40	3		3	1		
Rocky Mount.	C. W. Blaylock.	215 00		215 00	28 00		28 00	37	37	1	37	1	261 22	1	18	7 00	
South Greensboro.	G. B. McClain.	185 00	18	203 00	215 00		215 00	12	60	3	60	3		3	3	4 00	
Summerfield.	W. M. Chavis.	265 00		265 00	180 00		180 00	25	45	1	45	1		1	8	4 15	
West Greensboro.	W. F. Allen.	600 00	120	720 00	600 00	120	720		100	3	100	3		3	15	3 25	
West Greensboro.	M. M. Jones.																
Total.		3551	285	3841	2576	260	2832	512	624	34	591	19	121622	22	52	100 20	









STATISTICS NO. 4.—GREENSBORO DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1898.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society.	Education		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund.
	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.					Public Educational Collection.	Children's Fund.						
Benaja and Thompsonville.....	\$ 5.00	.....	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	.....	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
Boone's Mill.....	1.00	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell.....	3.00	2.00	5.00	6.00	1.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00
Center and Julian.....	1.00	3.00	4.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Greensboro.....	10.00	37.00	47.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	125.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro.....	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leaksville.....	6.00	9.00	15.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	10.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison.....	3.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	.....	.....	4.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison Circuit.....	3.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ramseur.....	22.00	3.00	25.00	1.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reidsville.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Mount.....	3.50	1.50	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Greensboro.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summerfield.....	2.00	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Greensboro.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	50.50	64.50	114.00	35.00	10.00	6.00	203.00	13.00	52.00	5.00	1.00	22.00	2.00	23.00	18.00

